GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:210 ANSWERED ON:21.07.2015 Recommendations of Swaminathan Commission Patel Shri Devji Mansingram

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to implement the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission in toto in the country including Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the crops for which Government provides MSP to the farmers;

(c) whether the Government and State Governments are contemplating to provide ten percent growth on minimum support price every year to the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a): Based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers headed by Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, the Government of India introduced a National Policy for Farmers (NPF) in 2007. The Policy aims at improving economic viability of farming and increasing net income of farmers. Subsequently, an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) was also set up which laid out a Plan of Action for its operationalization in consultation with the State Governments and the concerned Central Ministries/Departments. Many of the Schemes/Programmes being implemented by Central and State Governments including Rajasthan are as per the provisions of NPF, 2007.

(b) to (d): Government fixes Minimum support Prices (MSPs) of the following commodities viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, arhar (tur), moong, urad, cotton, groundnut-in-shell, sunflowerseed, soyabean, sesamum, nigerseed, wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed/mustard, safflower, copra, jute and Fair & remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane. The MSPs are fixed on the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), views of the State Governments, concerned Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors.
