

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:212

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Cultivation of Pulses

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any special scheme to increase the production of pulses in the eastern parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers reportedly are not getting adequate support price/ incentive/subsidy for cultivation of pulses;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue and for ensuring procurement of pulses from the farmers at remunerative prices?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 DUE FOR REPLY ON 4TH AUGUST, 2015.

(a) & (b): Government of India gives priority to increasing production of pulses. Around 50% of the budget under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is allocated for pulses. Under NFSM, 622 districts of 27 states including all districts of north eastern states and hill states are covered for promoting cultivation of pulses. Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI) is being implemented in eastern states of Assam, Bihar, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Eastern Uttar Pradesh since 2010-11. In order to increase production of pulses in the eastern parts of the country, pulses have been included under BGREI from 2015-16 as part of demonstrations under cropping system based approach to target rice fallow areas. States can also take up pulses cultivation under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

(c) to (e): Farmers get incentives for cultivation of pulses under NFSM, BGREI and RKVY schemes. Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for pulses alongwith other agriculture commodities every year. The MSP of arhar (tur), moong and urad for kharif marketing season 2015-16 has been fixed at Rs.4425/ qtl, Rs.4650/- and Rs.4425/ qtl, respectively. In order to give more incentive to farmers, a bonus of Rs.200/ qtl over and above MSP has been given for all the three pulses in 2015-16.

Government of India has designated National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), Small Farmers' Agriculture Business Consortium (SFAC), Central Warehousing Cooperation (CWC) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited in procurement of pulses. Procurement of pulses has been done mainly through NAFED and SFAC. Recently, Food Corporation

of India (FCI) has been designated as an additional nodal agency for procurement of pulses. In order to encourage farmers to take up pulses cultivation, formation of Farmer-Producer Organisation (FPO) and primary processing of pulses by establishment of mini dal mills in rural areas are being encouraged under NFSM and other schemes.

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