

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FALL IN ONION PRICES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that prices of onion have fallen suddenly in various whole sale markets of Nasik, Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers are not even getting the cost price which is incurred right from sowing of onion upto transporting the same to the markets; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to stabilise the cost price and market price of onion and ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): In whole sale markets of Nasik, Maharashtra, as per the wholesale onion price data available on Agmarknet portal (www.agmarknet.nic.in) and information received from Maharashtra State Agriculture Marketing Board and National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF), while there was a fall in prices of onion from July onwards, however, now the prices are stable.

(c) & (d): As per the National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF) estimates, the cost price incurred right from sowing upto transportation comes around Rs. 800-1000/- per quintal while as per Agmarknet data, the average wholesale price reported during the month of November, 2014 in the markets of Nasik district is Rs.1416/- per quintal.