

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF RICE AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production of rice and wheat and acreage of their cultivation in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State and cropwise;
- (b) whether the cost of cultivation of these crops has increased in the country during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken/proposed by the Government to boost the production of these staple crops and to provide relief to the farmers in case of spurt in the cost of cultivation of the same?

Answer

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

(a): State-wise details of production and area under cultivation of rice and wheat in the country during the last three years and the current year, i.e., 2011-12 to 2014-15 are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The cost of cultivation of paddy has increased from Rs.34340/- per hectare in 2009-10 to Rs.42338/- per hectare in 2011-12 (latest available) and the same of wheat has also increased from Rs.31880/- per hectare in 2009-10 to Rs.42759/- per hectare in 2012-13.

The increase in the cost of cultivation during the above period has been mainly due to increase in the labour cost, prices of insecticides and pesticides, manure, fertilizers, irrigation charges, interest on fixed capital, rental value of owned land and miscellaneous expenses including family labour etc.

(d): To boost production of staple crops and to provide relief to the farmers in the country, Government of India has been implementing various Crop Development Schemes such as National Food Security Mission (Rice and Wheat), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India etc. Further, to increase production and productivity of rice and wheat in the country, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has undertaken research programmes to develop location-specific, high yielding, pest resistance varieties of above crops.

In order to encourage farmers for cultivation of rice and wheat, their Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) have also been increased.