

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1536
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY, 2019

ASSURED INCOME TO FARMERS

1536. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government will provide assured income to farmers by March 2019, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government will act on the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee; and
- (c) whether the Government has considered Krishi Utthan Bill, 2019 submitted by a Private Member and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): The Government, with a view to augmenting the income of small and marginal farmers in the country, has announced a new Central Sector Scheme, namely, "Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)". Under the Scheme, financial benefit of Rs. 6000/- per year will be provided to all small and marginal land holding farmer families across the country, subject to certain exclusions, and having cultivable land upto 2 hectare. This financial benefit will be provided in 3 equal installments of Rs. 2000/- each every four months in a financial year. The Scheme takes effect from 01.12.2018. The scheme aims to supplement the financial needs of the farmers in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with anticipated farm income.

(b): The National Commission on Farmers headed by Dr. M.S Swaminathan had recommended that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) should be at least 50 percent more than the weighted average cost of production. However, when the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 was finalized, this recommendation of providing 50 percent returns over cost of production was not included. Against this backdrop, the Government has increased the MSPs for all notified Kharif and Rabi crops and other commercial crops for the season 2018-19 with a return of at least 50 percent over cost of production.

(c): No Madam, the Government does not have any information about this Bill.
