

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION COSTS OF CROPS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether over the years there has been a rise in the production cost of several crops including wheat, paddy, pulses, ragi, jowar and cotton in certain regions as compared to other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been a rise in the net per hectare income from crop production in the country for a few crops like wheat, rice, great millet, pearl millet etc. only; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps being taken for the overall enhancement in farm earning?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): Over the years, in general there has been a rise in the production cost of several crops such as wheat, paddy, pulses, ragi, jowar, bajra, gram, lentil, arhar, moong, urad and cotton. Net per hectare income has also increased over the years. A statement on State-wise Cost of Production (Rs. per quintal) and Net Income (Rs. per hectare) for different crops for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07 is given at Annexure.

(d): The Government of India is implementing the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 with an objective to increase the income of farmers by enhancing the economic viability of farming. Also the Government has taken a number of initiatives of which two major programmes namely National Food Security Mission with an outlay of Rs.4882 crore to step up production of rice, wheat and pulses and the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana with an outlay of Rs.25,000 crore to incentivise the States to invest more in the agriculture and allied sectors for the Eleventh Plan period have been launched in 2007-08.