

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4111**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025

**ASSESSMENT OF EXPECTED  
DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE**

4111 Shri Parshottambhai Rupala:

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

- (a) whether there is any mechanism to make an advance assessment of expected demand and supply of various agricultural produces so that excess production and acute shortage is prevented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the mechanism has been successful in percolating such information to the farmers to grow crops as per requirement, thereby, making farming profitable as well as taming the demand-supply mismatch, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of fresh initiatives taken by the Government to fine tune such advance assessment and to sensitize the farmers of the country well in advance in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): Agriculture marketing is a State subject. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures, budgetary support and various schemes. The Central Govt. takes necessary measures as and when required to balance the demand and supply scenario of agricultural produce in the domestic market and ensure remunerative prices to the farmers through policy intervention.

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare releases three advance estimates and one final estimate of Area, Production and Yield in respect of 28 major agriculture crops during each agriculture year (July- June). The first advance estimates covers kharif crops and is released in the month of October. Second advance estimates covers both kharif and rabi crops and are released in month of February. Third advance estimates are released in the month of May and it covers Kharif, Rabi and Summer crops. The final estimates are released in the month of September after completion of the agriculture year.

In order to augment market supply and prevent excessive price volatility in agri-horticultural commodities, Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) scheme is being implemented since 2014-15. Under PSF, buffer stocks of major pulses and onion are maintained for market interventions and to discourage unscrupulous speculation. Stocks from the buffer are released in a calibrated manner to augment availability in the market. To meet increased demand in pulses, the procurement ceiling under Price Support Scheme (PSS) has been lifted by the Government in respect of Tur, Urad and Masoor for the year 2024-25.

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