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Government Increase Support prices of Rabi crops



The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all rabi (winter- sown) crops of 2016-17.

The government increased the minimum support price (MSP) of wheat by Rs. 100 to Rs. 1,625 per quintal for the 2016-17 rabi crop against Rs. 1,525 per quintal last year.

MSP for Wheat has been hiked by 6.6 per cent, barley 8.2 per cent and including bonus, gram 14.3 per cent, masur 16.2 per cent, rapeseed/mustard 10.4 per cent, safflower 12.1 per cent,

Further, to incentivize cultivation of pulses and oilseeds, a bonus on these crops over MSP has been announced.

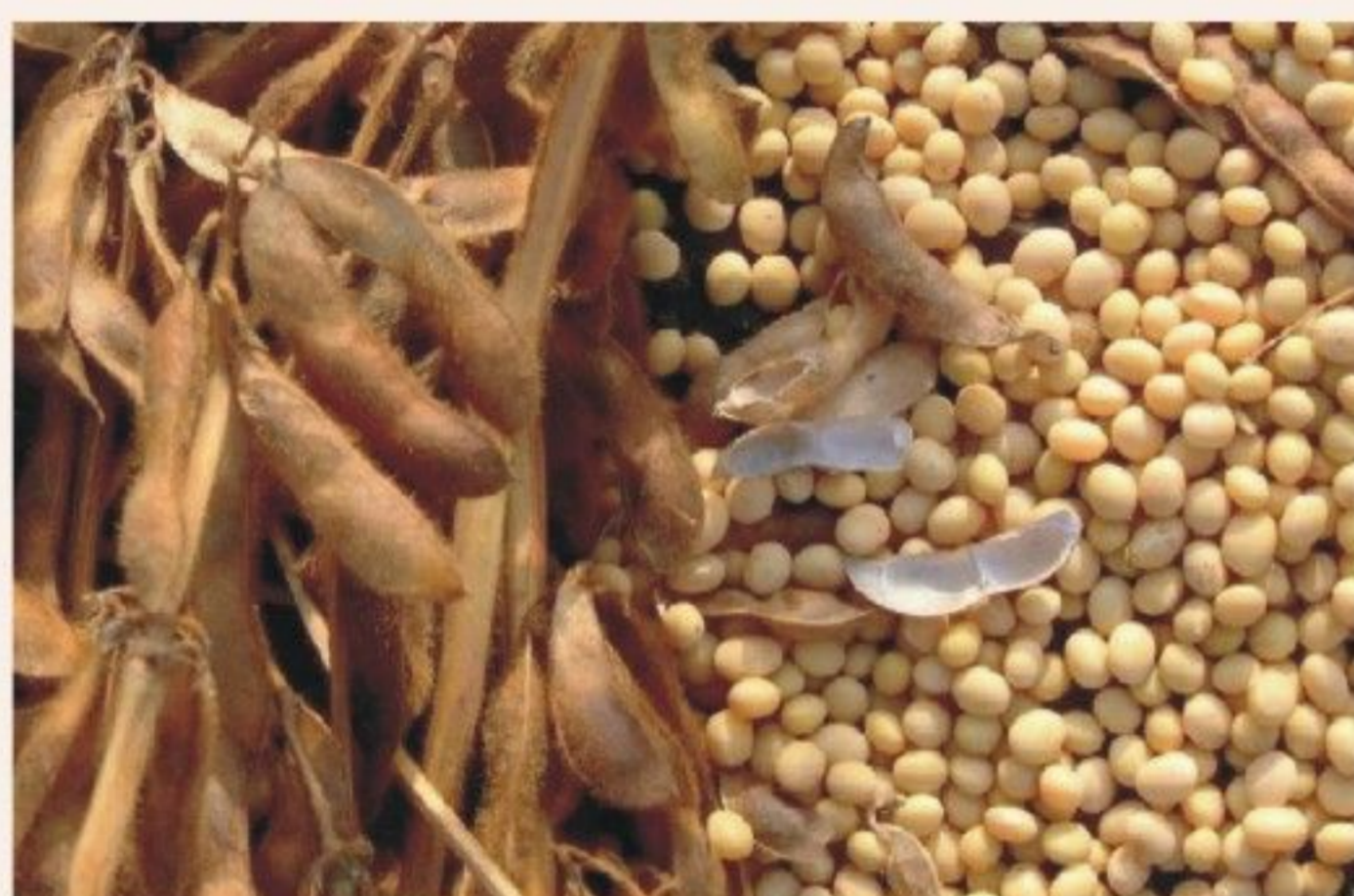
Gram MSP has been hiked to Rs. 4,000 per quintal, including bonus, from Rs. 3,500 per quintal in the previous year, while support price of

masur has been raised to Rs. 3,950 per quintal from Rs. 3,400 per quintal for the rabi season to boost domestic output, reduce the country's dependence on imports, and check prices.

Rabi crops will be marketed in 2017-18 starting April.

Commodity	2015-16			2016-17		
	Fixed	Bones	Total	Fixed	Increase over 2015-16	
	Rs./qtl	Rs./qtl	Rs./qtl	Rs./qtl	Rs./qtl	Per cent
Wheat	1525	-	1525	1625	100	6.55
Barley	1225	-	1225	1325	100	8.16
Gram	3425	75	3500	4000	500	14.28
Lentil (Masur)	3325	75	3400	3950	550	16.17
Rapeseed/ mustard	3350	-	3350	3700	350	10.44
Safflower	3300	-	3300	3700	400	12.12

Soybean production expected to increase by 57% in 2016-17 and SOPA plans to increase exports by five times



According to the first crop estimate by Indian Soyabean Processors Association (SOPA), India's soyabean production is set to increase by 57% over previous year. On the basis of 109.71 lakh hectare sown area, which is lower by 5 lakh hectares than the government's figure, SOPA says that the total production will be 108.78 lakh tonnes as against 69.28 lakh tonnes produced in 2015-16. The trade body expects that statewise soyabean production would be as follows: 55.86 lakh metric tonne (MT) in Madhya Pradesh, 36.06 lakh MT in Maharashtra, 9.8 lakh MT in Rajasthan, 2.14 lakh MT in Telengana and Andhra Pradesh, 2.21 lakh

MT in Karnataka and 1.17 lakh MT in Chattisgarh.

The country now plans to regain its lost international market for soyameal. A delegation of SOPA, with support from the central government, had recently toured four countries to get market for India's soya meal. SOPA expect to export more than two million tonne soyameal in next six months as there will be competition from south America from April onward. Apart from its traditional markets, SOPA plans to export soyameal to countries in Asia and East Europe. As per release of Solvent Extractors Association, overall export of oilmeals during the period from April to September 2016 is reported at 421,741 tonnes compared to 749,397 tonnes during the same period of last year, down by 44% due to lesser availability of oilseeds for crushing and continuous disparity in exporting oilmeals in International Market. India's highest soyameal export was in 2012-13 at 4.7 million tonne, which declined to just about 4 lakh tonnes in 2015-16.

Government procures 3740.47 MT pulses till October 2, 2016



The Central government has set up the procurement target of 50,000 metric tonne kharif pulses during current KMS for its buffer stock. The government has directed FCI and NAFED to procure kharif pulses from the farmers to ensure MSP for their crops. The government agencies have procured 3740.47 metric tonne pulses (as on October 2, 2016) during ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS). The agencies have set up 417 procurement centres in pulses producing states to ensure their reach to the farm gates for

procurement of Moong and Urad. More centres will be set up if required on the arrival of Tur crop. So far, FCI has procured 1075.34 metric tonne and NAFED has procured 2665.13 metric tonne pulses since the arrival of kharif pulses during ongoing KMS 2016-17.

India's production of Kharif foodgrains in 2016-17 is estimated at a record 135.03 million tonnes, which is 11.02 million tonnes higher than last year's production of 124.01 million tonnes.

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As per the 1st advance estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (GOI), production of major Kharif crops for 2016-17 is estimated to be 7.65 million tonnes higher than the average production of 127.38 million tonnes in the last five years (2010-11 to 2014-15). The estimated production of rice during 2016-17 is a record of 93.88 million tonnes. Production is also estimated touch new heights in the case of maize (19.30 million tonnes), pulses 8.70 million tonnes, tur (4.29 million tonnes) and urad (2.01 million tonnes).

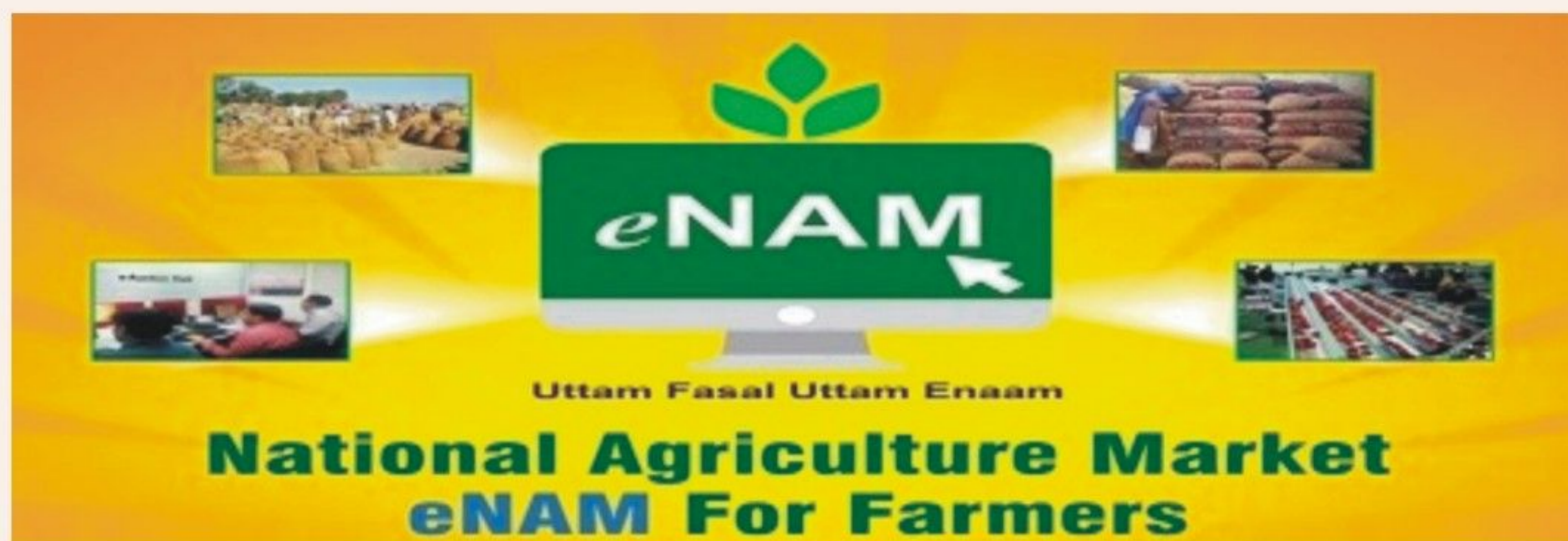
(Production in million tonnes)

FOODGRAIN	2015-16	2016-17	% change
Pulses	5.54	8.7	57
Rice	91.31	93.88	2.8
Coarse grains	27.17	32.45	19.4
Total	124.02	135.03	8.9
Oilseeds	16.59	23.36	40.8
Cotton	30.14	32.1	6.5
Sugar cane	352.16	305.25	-13.3

Note: Cotton production in million bales of 170kg each

Source: First advance estimates of kharif crop production, agriculture ministry

Completion of first phase of E-NAM: Linked 250 mandis in 10 states



The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (GOI) has successfully completed the first phase of e-NAM and launched e-NAM Mobile App in New Delhi. The e-NAM platform is connected to 250 markets across 10 States as: Andhra Pradesh (12), Chhattisgarh (05), Gujarat (40), Haryana (36), Himachal Pradesh (07), Jharkhand (08), Madhya Pradesh (20), Rajasthan (11), Telangana (44), and Uttar Pradesh (67). As per the statement of Union Minister of Agriculture, detailed project reports (DPRs) for integrating 399 mandis with e-NAM has been received from 14 states and all of them have been approved.

The Union Minister of Agriculture said that the active involvement of all stakeholders, and in particular mandi and marketing board officials; the NAM programme is a success and is going ahead

of schedule. Minister is sure that e-NAM will significantly contribute towards enhancing the farmer's income. Agriculture Minister informed that so far, 1,53,992.7 MT of agriculture produce worth Rs. 421 crore has been transacted on e-NAM platform and 1,60,229 Farmers, 46,688 Traders and 25,970 Commission Agents have been registered on the e-NAM platform.

Union Minister said that quality parameters for 69 agricultural and horticultural commodities including cereals, pulses, oil seeds, spices, fruits and vegetables have been notified for trading on e-NAM platform and states have been asked to set up the quality assaying facilities to ensure quality assessment of the farmer's produce in a scientific and professional manner.

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