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## EDITORIAL

The increase in MSP for *Rabi* Crops for 2023-24 is in line with the Union Budget announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times of the All-India weighted average cost of Production, aiming at reasonably fair remuneration for the farmers. The maximum rate of return is for rapeseed & mustard, followed by wheat, lentil, gram, barley and for safflower. From the last few years there has been a renewed focus on increasing the production of oilseeds and pulses. The efforts have yielded good results. Oilseeds production has increased from almost 10 million tonnes in 2021-22 compared to 2014-15. Pulses production has shown a similar increasing trend. The productivity of pulses and oilseeds have increased substantially in the last few years. In case of pulses productivity has been increased 1.25 times and similar increase, in oilseed crops productivity as well. The Government's priority is on increasing production of oilseeds and pulses and thus fulfilling the objective of Atmanirbhar Bharat. And it is good to mention here there is huge concerted efforts for promoting adoption of smart farming methods through the use of technology and innovation in the agriculture sector in the country which has given a huge boost to this initiative.

Sincerely



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