

 [Print this](#)  [Email this](#)  [Facebook](#)  [Twitter](#)

Provide incentives to millet growers, say farmers

BS Reporter / Chennai/ Dharwad June 15, 2011, 0:44 IST

P V Satish, convener, Millet Network of India (MNI) demanded that the government should provide an incentive of Rs 5,000 per acre to the farmers cultivating millet.

He told reporters here on Tuesday that the government should take steps to promote cultivation of millets which were rich in nutrition value and were becoming popular among the people.

Millet is grown on 10-20 million acres of land in India and the total amount required to provide incentives would not be more than Rs 1,000 crore. The fertiliser subsidy provided by the government was Rs 1.40 lakh crore last year, he said.

Satish maintained that millet cultivation would provide the farmers economic stability and it was mere a myth only commercial crops benefit the farmers in monetary terms. It has been revealed a majority of farmers who committed suicide were those who suffered financials losses in commercial crops, he asserted.

He pointed out the maximum yield per acre for commercial crops like Bt cotton was 5-6 quintals and it gives a gross income of Rs 10,000-12,000 per acre. The net income per acre would be around Rs 5,000 after deducting the expenses. Whereas millet ensured a minimum yied of five quintals per acre and there was no investment. The gross income per acre was between Rs 16,000 to Rs 18,000 and the farmers could have the net income between Rs 13,000 and Rs 15,000 per acre after deducting other expenses which would not cross Rs 3,000-Rs 4,000 per acre.

Satish said the government had been urged to include millet in the list of foodgrains supplied under PDS and the National Advisory Council had accepted the proposal and asked the government to take steps in this direction.

Besides, 250 MPs have signed the memorandum submitted in this regard, he said.

[Click here to visit SME Buzz](#) 

Coffee Making Machines

Italy's favourite coffee machines & capsules in India. Know more now!
[Fresh-Honest.com](#)

All-New Fiesta Revealed

Premium Sedan with Cruise Control & Advanced Blue-tooth Voice Controls.
[India.Ford.com/All-NewFiesta](#)



Also Read

[Related Stories](#) | [News Now](#)

- Farmers demand open, transparent agri R&D



Most Popular

[Read](#) | [E-Mailed](#) | [Commented](#)

- FCCB crisis brewing, says Reserve Bank
- Low-cost carrier IndiGo to touch down on international destinations
- Recall why we left Singur: Tata Motors
- OECD prescribes remedy for tackling corruption in India
- P&G wakes up to man power

Love Water Sports

Win Free Trip to Australia by Aqua Pulse for Men. Join Facebook contest

Senior Management Jobs

Interact with employers/recruiters before applying for a job. Register

Other Stories

- Markets edge lower, Dr Reddy's slips over 1%
- Essar to exit telecom business in Africa
- No evidence ISI, Pak Army knew about Osama: US
- Indian ADRs end mostly higher
- Wall Street rebounds in oversold market

Tags : P V Satish | Millet Network of India | National Advisory Council |

[Read Business news in हिंदी](#)

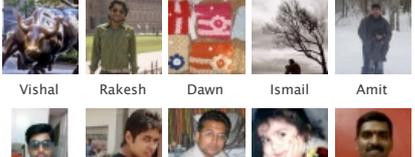
- [Make your holiday exactly what you want it to be...](#)
- [Now flying to Los Angeles from 1st July 2011. Know more](#)
- [To us your health comes first. Know More.](#)
- [Best schemes for iphone 4](#)
- [347 acres of ultra-luxurious living in Noida. Click here.](#)
- [Irresistible iPhone 4 with 3G. save up to RS 24000*](#)
- [Do more with less money!](#)
- [Building the engines of a smarter planet...](#)
- [One click trade with AxisDirect.Trade Now!](#)
- [Nothing is more liberating than a blank piece of paper.](#)
- [Steel lending Strength to the nations's defence. Click here](#)

Advertisements

Find us on Facebook 

BS Business Standard
[Like](#)

757 people like Business Standard.



Vishal Rakesh Dawn Ismail Amit

 Facebook social plugin