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## Losing the pulse: Farmers will suffer a setback with falling chana prices. Govt must observe



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**C**hana prices in India have been ruling below their minimum support price (MSP) levels since the last two years. But unlike cereals, edible oils, and vegetables, where inflation is regularly reported, falling prices of such crops seldom make it to the national media. These prices are important for farmers who make sowing decisions. Usually, higher prices encourage acreages and vice versa. *Chana* is a rabi crop and now is the season when farmers would be deciding if they should sow the crop. Therefore, it is important that we revisit the reasons why prices of *chana* have been below MSP and what can the government do to lift the *chana* farmer and trader sentiments.

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