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## Package for farmers soon: Agri minister

The Centre will soon announce a package for farmers to boost their income, junior agriculture minister Parshottam Rupala said on Thursday. It is the first comment by a minister on a direct support scheme on the lines of those implemented by Telangana and Odisha.

The minister, however, did not clarify whether the relief package would be part of the upcoming Budget on February 1 or will be announced before that. Rupala also declined to share details of recommendations sent to the finance ministry regarding the farm sector for the Budget. **P17**