

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 27.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**MSP FOR RABI CROPS .**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for many rabi crops has been raised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government of Punjab has rejected the hike for wheat describing it woefully inadequate and unjustified; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

**ANSWER**

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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of Rabi crops fixed for 2008-09 and 2009-10 season are given below :

(Rs.per quintal)

Commodity	2008-09	2009-10
Wheat	1080	1100
Barley	680	750
Gram	1730	1760
Masur(Lentil)	1870	1870
Rapeseed/Mustard	1830	1830
Safflower	1650	1680

(c) & (d): Government of Punjab had suggested a MSP of Rs.1500 per quintal for wheat for 2009-10 season.

The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for agricultural commodities, including wheat, seeks to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for encouraging higher production and investment. The Government fixes the MSPs for agricultural produce, inter-alia, taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries. The CACP, considers a number of important factors which include cost of production, while formulating its recommendations on MSP. The MSP of wheat has been fixed at Rs.1100 per quintal for 2009-10 season provides adequate margin over and above the cost of production (actual expenses in cash and kind, including rent paid for leased-in land, imputed value of wages for family labour, rent for owned land and interest on fixed capital) of Rs.643.37 per quintal for Punjab.