

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
PROCUREMENT PRICE OF MUSTARD .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that as a result of good monsoon in the State of Rajasthan this year there is bumper production of variety of crops;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that procurement price of mustard is less as compared to that of other commodities; and
- (c) if so, whether Government proposes to raise the procurement price of mustard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. As per the 1st Advance Estimates for 2010-11, the production of kharif crops in the State of Rajasthan has increased significantly during the year.

With view to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce and to encourage higher investment and production, the Government of India announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for certain agricultural commodities including Mustard on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). While fixing MSP for a crop, the Government of India also take into account the views of the State Governments, Central Ministries and such other relevant factors, which are considered important for the fixation of Minimum Support Prices. In view of above factors, the MSPs of different crops are not comparable. However, the MSP of mustard has also been increased from time to time and it has been fixed at Rs.1850 per quintal for 2010-11 as compared to Rs. 1715 per quintal for 2006-07 and Rs. 1830 per quintal for 2009-10.