

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2772

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY THE 20TH MARCH , 2018
PHALGUNA 29, 1939 (SAKA)

IMPORT DUTY ON WHEAT

2772. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on increasing the import duty on wheat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed duty is a marginal or considerably equal to the Minimum Support Price (MSP) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other measures being taken by Government to assure Minimum Support Price to the farming community?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)**

(a) and (b): There is no proposal under consideration to increase import duty on wheat.

(c) : Does not arise in the view of above.

(d) : The Government announces Minimum Support Price every year for 24 agriculture commodities so that the farmers can get reasonable prices for their produce. Support is also extended through Price Support Scheme (PSS) for oil seeds, pulses and cotton through central Nodal agencies at the MSP. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare also implements the Market Intervention Scheme for procurement of agricultural commodities which are perishable and not covered under the PSS with objective to protect the growers from making distress sale.
