GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/07/2022

SETTING UP OF COMMITTEE ON MSP

646. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a Committee on Minimum Support Price (MSP) as promised by the Prime Minister in December 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government will include members of each State Government in this Committee;

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government plans to expand the MSP regime from 22 essential agricultural crops to other crops; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (f): Government has constituted a committee to make MSP more effective and transparent, to promote natural farming and to change crop pattern keeping in mind the changing needs of the country. The constituted committee consists of representatives of Farmers, Central Government, State Government, Agricultural Economists & Scientists, etc.

Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), after considering the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors.

The inclusion of crops under MSP framework is dependent on several factors such as crops should be widely grown, item of mass consumption and has relatively longer shelf life, among others.

Moreover, Government implements the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural/horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the price support schemes.

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