

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 119**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2022

**DELAY IN ANNOUNCING MSP**

**\*119. SHRI BINOY VISWAM**

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

- (a) the reasons for the delay in announcing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the ongoing Rabi season;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to increase the MSP as the input costs such as fuels, seeds, fertilizers, labour and transportation have increased significantly; and
- (c) whether Government has plans to implement the Swaminathan Commission formula to calculate the MSP?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE  
**(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

- (a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 119\* DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.12.2022 REGARDING 'DELAY IN ANNOUNCING MSP'.**

(a) & (b): Government has announced Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of 6 mandated Rabi crops for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2023-24 on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, on the basis of recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned. The MSP for wheat now stands at 2125 ₹ per quintal; Barley 1735 ₹ per quintal; Gram 5335 ₹ per quintal; Masur 6000 ₹ per quintal; Rapeseed & Mustard 5450 ₹ per quintal and Safflower 5650 ₹ per quintal.

The government announces the MSP after taking into account all relevant costs, including the cost of production.

(c): One of the recommendations of National Commission of Farmers (NCF), set up under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, was that, MSP should be at least 50 percent more than the weighted average cost of production. In this regard, the Government in its Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSP at a level of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops has been fixed with a return of at least 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production since the year 2018-19.

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