

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 318
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31/03/2023

MEASURES FOR PROCUREMENT OF MAJOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

*318. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR :

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

- (a) the details of the effective measures taken for procurement of major agricultural commodities by Government and its agencies in order to double the farmers income in the country;
- (b) the details of the major agricultural commodities for which Government provides Minimum Support Price (MSP); and
- (c) the details of amount spent in procuring major agricultural commodities by providing MSP?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 318 FOR 31/03/2023 REGARDING MEASURES FOR PROCUREMENT OF MAJOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

(a) & (b): The Government announces, Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 22 major agricultural commodities of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) each year in both the Crop seasons after taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Department concerned and other relevant factors. In addition, MSP for toria and de-husked coconut is also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed & mustard and copra respectively. The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSP at levels of at least one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased the MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops with a return of at least 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production from the agricultural year 2018-19. Government also extends remunerative price to farmers through its various interventions schemes. Besides, the overall market also responds to declaration of MSP and Government's procurement operations which results in private procurement on or above the MSP for various notified crops.

Government extends price support for paddy and wheat through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies. Further, different types of nutri-cereals and maize are procured by State Governments itself in consultation with FCI to the extent that the concerned State Government may utilise the same for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) as well as Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). Oilseeds, pulses and copra of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) are procured from registered farmers under Price Support Scheme (PSS) under Umbrella Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), as per its prescribed guidelines at MSP in consultation with the concerned State Government. Cotton and Jute are also procured by Government at MSP through Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and Jute Corporation of India (JCI).

For making effective procurement by Government agencies at MSP and providing maximum benefits of MSP to the farmers, procurement centers are opened by respective State Government Agencies and Central Nodal Agencies after taking into account the production, marketable surplus, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics / infrastructure such as storage and transportation etc. large number of the purchase centers in addition to the existing mandis and depots/godowns are also established at key points for the convenience of farmers.

(c): The commodity-wise procurement details of agricultural commodities procured at MSP and its MSP value during the year 2021-22 and 2022-23 is at Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

Commodity	2021-22		2022-23 (as on 23.03.2023)	
	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Value (Rs. In lakh)	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Value (Rs. In lakh)
RICE	5,75,88,000.00	1,68,03,112.00	4,90,66,000.00	1,50,48,722.00
WHEAT	4,33,44,000.00	85,60,357.00	1,87,92,000.00	37,86,613.00
COPRA	32.95	34.05	40,849.36	43,259.47
GRAM	26,29,460.83	13,75,208.01	1,92,234.48	1,02,557.10
GROUNDNUT	1,49,696.34	83,081.47	7,077.14	4,140.13
MOONG	3,63,274.09	2,64,281.90	1,20,084.99	93,125.91
SUNFLOWER SEED	1,905.44	1,146.12	1,891.23	1,030.72
TOOR	36,184.14	22,796.01	800.15	512.10
URAD	2,037.85	1,283.85	36.45	24.06
JOWAR	1,56,575.00	42,870.00	32,864.00	9,760.00
BAJRA	13,251.00	2,981.00	1,25,360.00	29,460.00
MAIZE	22,767.00	4,257.00	48.00	10.00
RAGI	4,37,339.00	1,47,689.00	2,90,447.00	1,03,922.00
TOTAL	10,47,44,523.64	2,73,09,097.41	6,86,69,692.80	1,92,23,136.48
