

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-175
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/02/2023

INCREASE IN MSP

175. SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:

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

- (a) the Minimum Support Price (MSP) increased by Government in 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively as compared to the previous years for coarse cereals like millet, barley, ragi and others, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of efforts made by Government to encourage farmers to produce coarse cereals; and
- (c) the details of new varieties of coarse cereals developed by agricultural research centers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Details of Minimum Support Price fixed by the Government for 2021-22 and 2022-23 for coarse cereals/ nutri-cereal are given in **Annexure**.

(b)&(c): The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing millets development programme, as Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets), under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) from 2018-19 to enhance area, production & productivity of millets, beside strengthening seed supply system of nutri-cereal and enhancing post-harvest value addition at farm gate for better price realization to the farmers. The interventions such as formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for NutriCereals, setting up Centers of Excellence (CoE) and seed hubs for Nutri Cereals have also been supported under NFSM.

Further, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is continuously working on development of high yielding climate resilient new varieties/hybrid which are tolerant to various biotic and abiotic stress with enhanced quality. During 2014 to 2022, a total of 380 Coarse Grain varieties have been released by Central Variety Release Committee (CVRC) comprising 166 of

Maize; 56 of Sorghum; 20 of Barley; 64 of Pearl millet; 13 of Little millet; 4 of Proso millet; 9 of Kodo millet; 35 of Finger millet; 8 of Foxtail millet and 5 of Barnyard millet for cultivation in different agro- ecologies of country. Further, during the last 5 years (2017-2022), a total of 320496 quintals of Breeder seeds of coarse grains (Maize and Millets) have been produced against the indent of 199026 quintals for seed multiplication for commercialization.

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 175 due for reply on 03.02.2023

Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Coarse Cereal/ Nutri-cereals

(MSP in ₹ per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Absolute increase in 2021-22 over 2020-21	Absolute Increase in 2022-23 over 2021-22
1	JOWAR	Hybrid	2620	2738	2970	118	232
		Maldandi	2640	2758	2990	118	232
2	BAJRA		2150	2250	2350	100	100
3	RAGI		3295	3377	3578	82	201
4	MAIZE		1850	1870	1962	20	92
5	BARLEY		1600	1635	1735	35	100
