

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-973
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10/02/2023

INCREASE IN MSP

973. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:
SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

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

- (a) whether Government has approved an increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all crops for marketing season 2023-24;
- (b) if so, details thereof along with the increase in MSP of various agricultural produce during each of the last three years and the current year indicating the criteria adopted for increasing the MSP of these products, crop-wise;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any study for assessing impact of MSP on farmers, if so, the percentage of farmers benefited through MSP during each of the last five years; and
- (d) the other measures being taken to increase farmers' income in proportion to cost of cultivation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, sir Government has increased Minimum Support Price of 22 mandated crops for Kharif Marketing Season 2022-23 and Rabi Marketing Season 2023-24. Details of MSP fixed by the Government since 2019-20 are given at **annexure**.

Government fixes MSP on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned. While recommending MSP, CACP considers important factors like cost of production, overall demand-supply situation, price trends in domestic and global prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, likely impact of the price policy on the rest of the economy, rational utilization of land, water and other production resources and a minimum of 50 percent as the margin over the weighted average cost of production.

(c): In the year 2016, NITI Aayog had released a study entitled “Efficacy of Minimum Support Prices on farmers”, covering 14 States, 36 Districts, 72 Blocks, 144 Villages and 1440 Households. The study has found, among other things, that MSP declared by the Government has encouraged 78 % of the farmers covered under the study to adopt improved methods of farming such as high yielding varieties of seeds, organic manure, chemical fertilizer, pesticides and improved methods of harvesting etc.

(d): Government has been consistently focusing on measures to reduce cost of production and enhance farm productivity, which include, providing soil health card to the farmers; better access to irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY); Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for affordable crop insurance scheme for farmers against all non-preventable natural risks; creation of infrastructure through Agri Infrastructure Fund (AIF), formation and promotion of 10,000 FPO; Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM) to develop marketing infrastructure to effectively handle and manage marketable surpluses; Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM) to increase the reach of farm mechanization to small and marginal farmers; and adoption of drone technologies in agriculture which has a potential to revolutionize the Indian agriculture.

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 973
due for reply on 10.02.2023

Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Mandated Crops

(MSP in ₹ per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	<u>KHARIF CROPS</u>					
1	PADDY	Common	1815	1868	1940	2040
		Grade 'A'	1835	1888	1960	2060
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	2550	2620	2738	2970
		Maldandi	2570	2640	2758	2990
3	BAJRA		2000	2150	2250	2350
4	RAGI		3150	3295	3377	3578
5	MAIZE		1760	1850	1870	1962
6	ARHAR(Tur)		5800	6000	6300	6600
7	MOONG		7050	7196	7275	7755
8	URAD		5700	6000	6300	6600
9	COTTON	Medium Staple	5255	5515	5726	6080
		Long Staple	5550	5825	6025	6380
10	GROUNDNUT		5090	5275	5550	5850
11	SUNFLOWER SEED		5650	5885	6015	6400
12	SOYABEAN		3710	3880	3950	4300
13	SESAMUM		6485	6855	7307	7830
14	NIGERSEED		5940	6695	6930	7287
	<u>RABI CROPS</u>					
15	WHEAT		1925	1975	2015	2125
16	BARLEY		1525	1600	1635	1735
17	GRAM		4875	5100	5230	5335
18	MASUR (LENTIL)		4800	5100	5500	6000
19	RAPESEED/MUSTARD		4425	4650	5050	5450
20	SAFFLOWER		5215	5327	5441	5650
	<u>OTHER CROPS</u>					
22	COPRA	Milling	9521	9960	10335	10590
	(Calendar Year)	Ball	9920	10300	10600	11000
24	JUTE		3950	4225	4500	4750
