

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 658
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/12/2023

INCLUSION AND PROCUREMENT OF CROPS UNDER MSP

658. SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any action plan to include more agricultural products which are currently not included in Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of meetings held by Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in last five years, including list of attendees, date and venue;
- (d) whether Government is planning to appoint two non official members of CACP;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether Government has any plans to support farmers for those crops which come under MSP but Government procurement of those crops is low?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries / Departments concerned. The inclusion of crops under MSP framework is dependent on several factors which inter alia include, whether they have relatively large shelf life, are non- perishable, widely grown, items of mass consumption, essential for food security.

(c): While fixing MSPs, CACP consults various stakeholders before proposing price and non price recommendations to the Government. Consultations for Kharif and Rabi crops are held in various states in rotation covering all States and UTs in the Northern, Western, Southern, Eastern and North

Eastern parts of the country. These meetings are attended by concerned officials of State Governments/UTs, Farmers, Farmers associations etc. In addition besides Central Government Departments, CACP also consults various other organizations and associations related to rice, maize, millets, pulses, oilseeds, cereals such as National Rice (Paddy) Research Institute, All India Rice Exporters, Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Indian Institute of Oilseed Research Association, Indian Pulses and Grain Association, Central Organization for Oil Industry Trade, Solvent Extractors Association, Soybean Oil Producers Association, Vanaspati Oil Manufacturers Association of India, Saurashtra Oil Mills Association, All India Dal Mill Association, Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council organization associated with procurement such as Food Corporation of India (FCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED), organization/ associations related to credit, insurance and fertilizer such as National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd, Fertilizer Association of India, ICAR Organizations, Pvt. Sector Organizations and Farmers Associations. Consultations for Copra Price Policy Report are held in major copra producing states such as Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Various stakeholders such as State Government officers of copra producing states, Farmers, Farmers Associations as well as officials from Coconut Development Board, KERAFED, Tamil Nadu Cooperative Marketing Federation (TANFED), Coir Board, CPCRI etc. Consultations related to Jute Price Policy Report are held in Kolkata and are attended by officials of major jute producing states, representatives from Office of the Jute Commissioner, Jute Corporation of India, Directorate of Jute Development, Indian Jute Mills Association (IJMA), Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres (CRIJAF), Indian Jute Industries' Research Association, National Institute of Research on Jute and Allied Fibre Technology, National Jute Board, The Jute Balers' Association, Farmers, Farmers associations etc. The year wise details of meeting held by CACP since 2018 are given at **Annexure**.

(d) & (e): Government has appointed Shri Ratan Lal Daga as Non-Official member of CACP on 13.04.2023.

(f): Besides supporting the farmers through MSP, Government has adopted and implemented several policies, developmental programmes, schemes and reforms, which are as follow:

- i. Supplementary income transfers under PM-KISAN of Rs. 6000/- per year in three equal instalments to eligible beneficiaries.
- ii. Crop insurance under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY).
- iii. Better access to irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

- iv. Special attention for creation of infrastructure through Agri Infrastructure Fund (AIF) with a size of Rs. 100,000 crores.
- v. New procurement policy under PM-AASHA in addition to FCI operations.
- vi. Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) offering production loan to even dairy & fishery farmers besides agricultural crops.
- vii. Formation and promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO).
- viii. National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), which aims to evolve and implement strategies to make Indian agriculture more resilient to the changing climate.
- ix. Adoption of drone technologies in agriculture which has potential to revolutionize the Indian Agriculture.
- x. Benefits accruing under Bee-Keeping, Rashtriya Gokul Mission, Blue Revolution, Interest Subvention Scheme, Agro-forestry, Restructured Bamboo Mission, implementation of new generation watershed guidelines, etc.
- xi. Focus on application of digital technology at all stages of agricultural value chain.
- xii. Supply of fertilizer to farmer at subsidized price so as to reduce input cost.
- xiii. Production and availability of quality seeds to farmers.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) to(e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 658 due for reply on 08.12.2023.

Regional Meeting Details of Kharif 2018-19 to 2023-24 and Rabi 2018-19 to 2024-25

Table 1: Kharif Regional Meeting Details from 2018-19 to 2023-24 KMS

Kharif Marketing Season	North Region states		Eastern Region States		Western Region States		Southern Region States		North Eastern Region States	
	Hosting State	Meeting Date	Hosting State	Meeting Date	Hosting State	Meeting Date	Hosting State	Meeting Date	Hosting State	Meeting Date
2018-19	Delhi	02.02.18	Chhattisgarh	17.01.18	Maharashtra	09.01.18	Andhra Pradesh	23.01.18	Assam	19.01.18
2019-20	Punjab	11.02.19	Odisha	30.01.19	Rajasthan	11.02.19	Karnataka	08.02.19	Manipur	05.02.19
2020-21	Delhi	28.01.20	Jharkhand	06.02.20	Gujarat	03.02.20	Andhra Pradesh	14.02.20	Assam	28.02.20
2021-22	VC	11.02.21	VC	11.02.21	VC	11.02.21	VC	11.02.21	VC	11.02.21
2022-23	VC	01.02.22	VC	01.02.22	VC	01.02.22	VC	01.02.22	VC	01.02.22
2023-24	J&K	31.01.23	West Bengal	20.02.23	Maharashtra	20.01.23	Tamil Nadu	24.01.23	Assam	24.02.23

Note: KMS: Kharif Marketing Season, VC- Video Conference

Table 2: Rabi Regional Meeting Details from marketing year 2018-19 to 2024-25

Rabi Marketing Season	North Region states		Eastern Region States		Western Region States		Southern Region States		North Eastern Region States	
	Hosting State	Meeting Date	Hosting State	Meeting Date	Hosting State	Meeting Date	Hosting State	Meeting Date	Hosting State	Meeting Date
2018-19	Punjab	24.05.17	West Bengal	18.05.17	Madhya Pradesh	28.04.17	Karnataka	05.05.17	-	-
2019-20	Delhi	18.06.18	Delhi	18.06.18	Delhi	18.06.18	Delhi	18.06.18	Delhi	18.06.18
2020-21	Haryana	21.06.19	Bihar	03.06.19	Madhya Pradesh	14.06.19	Telangana	07.06.19	Tripura	11.06.19
2021-22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022-23	VC	08.06.21	VC	08.06.21	VC	08.06.21	VC	08.06.21	VC	10.06.21
2023-24	VC	01.06.22	VC	01.06.22	VC	01.06.22	VC	01.06.22	VC	01.06.22
2024-25	HP	09.06.23	Bihar	13.06.23	Gujarat	06.07.23	Andhra Pradesh	23.06.23	Meghalaya	27.06.23

Note: VC- Video Conference

Table 3: Meeting Details of Copra, from 2018-2024 Season Copra

Sl. No.	Copra Season	Hosting States	Date of Meeting
2	Copra 2019	Delhi	17.08.2018
3	Copra 2020	Kerala	02.08.2019
4	Copra 2021	-	-
5	Copra 2022	Delhi (State Govts) VC Meeting	10.08.2021
		Delhi (Organisations) VC Meeting	11.08.2021
6	Copra 2023	Kerala	20.08.2022
7	Copra 2024	Kerala	04.08.2023
		Tamil Nadu	10.08.2023

Table 4: Meeting Details of Jute from 2018-19 to 2024-25 Season

Sl. No.	Jute Mktg. Season	Hosting States	Date of Meeting
1	Jute 2018-19 season	JCI, Kolkata	12.09.2017
2	Jute 2019-20 Season	JCI, Kolkata	04.10.2018
3	Jute 2020-21 Season	JCI, Kolkata	13.09.2019
4	Jute 2021-22 Season	-	-
5	Jute2022-23 Season	Delhi (With State Governments)	21.09.2021
		Delhi (with Organisations)	22.09.2021
6	Jute 2023-24 Season	JCI, Kolkata	19.09.2022
7	Jute 2024-25 Season	JCI, Kolkata	05.09.2023
