

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 48
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26/07/2024

LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE LEGAL GUARANTEE OF MSP

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

- (a) the number of meetings of the Committee constituted on Minimum Support Price (MSP), held since 12th July, 2022 till July, 2024 along with the dates and agenda of the meetings, meeting-wise;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating to bring legislation to provide legal guarantee of MSP to farmers as per Swaminathan Committee recommendations, during the current Monsoon session of Parliament;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for deviation from its promise made to farmers bodies in 2021?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 48 DATED 26/07/2024 REGARDING LEGALISATION TO PROVIDE LEGAL GUARANTEE OF MSP.

(a) to (d): The Government is committed that the full benefits of MSP reach the farmers of the country. Hence a committee has been constituted by the government to provide MSP to the farmers of the country and to give suggestions on making the system more effective and transparent. Additionally, the Committee was asked to examine the feasibility of giving greater autonomy to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACAP) and ways to make it more scientific; and with a view to ensuring higher prices, mandate has also been given to give suggestions for strengthening the agricultural marketing system as per the changing needs of the country. This committee is also working on the topics of natural farming and crop diversification. The meetings of this committee are being organized regularly and since July 22, 2022, 6 meetings have been held till now. Additionally, 35 meetings of various sub-committees have also been held on the above subjects.
