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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 483
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 26/07/2024

MSP ON KHARIF AND RABI CROPS

483. SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the recently declared Minimum Support Price (MSP) on 14 Kharif crops, Government has not provided the MSP based on the recommendations made by the Swaminathan Commission which is 'C2+50%' profit, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the quantity of crop produced during the last Rabi season and the quantity of crop procured by Government at the declared MSP, the details thereof, crop-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a): On 24th June 2024, Government has notified minimum support prices (MSPs) of 14 Kharif Crops based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP). While recommending MSP, CACP considers important factors like cost of production, overall demand-supply conditions, domestic and international prices, intercrop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, likely effect on the rest of the economy, besides ensuring rational utilization of land, water and other production resources.

National Commission on Farmers (NCF), constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan in 2004, inter alia, recommended that MSP should be at least 50 percent more

than the weighted average cost of production. To give effect to this recommendation, Government, in its Union Budget for 2018-19, had made an announcement to keep MSP at a level of minimum one and half times of the cost of production as a pre-determined principle. Accordingly, MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops have been fixed with a margin of at least 50 per cent over weighted average cost of production.

(b): The crop wise details of the quantity of Rabi Crops produced and quantity procured by Government during 2023-24 are given below.

MSP, Production and Procurement for 2023-24

Sl. No.	Commodity	MSP (Rs per quintal)	Quantity produced (In LMT)	Quantity procured (In LMT)
	RABI CROPS			
1	WHEAT	2275	1129.25	262.02
2	BARLEY	1850	16.53	-
3	GRAM	5440	115.76	0.43
4	MASUR (LENTIL)	6425	17.54	2.47
5	RAPESEED & MUSTARD	5650	131.61	12.09
6	SAFFLOWER	5800	0.51	0.00
