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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 671 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25/07/2025

EXPANSION OF COVERAGE OF CROPS UNDER MSP

671. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

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

- (a) the list of food crops and cash crops that currently come under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme as on 31st March, 2025;
- (b) whether Government is planning to expand the existing list of crops under MSP to include more crops;
- (c) if so, the details of the crops thereof;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to include rubber, cardamom, tea and coffee under the MSP support, considering the frequent demands from the farmers of Kerala;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

- (a): The list of 22 mandated agricultural crops that come under the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) regimes as on 31st March, 2025 includes 14 Kharif crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur (arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed and cotton and 6 Rabi crops viz. wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed & mustard, safflower and two commercial crops viz. jute and copra.
- (b) to (f): At present, there is no proposal under consideration to include more crops under MSP. The inclusion of crops under MSP framework is dependent on several factors which include relatively large shelf life, non-perishable, widely grown, item of mass consumption, essential for food security, among others.
