

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2242
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/2025

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF PROF. M.S. SWAMINATHAN

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

- (a) whether Government accepts that the comprehensive C2 cost formula recommended by late Prof. M. S. Swaminathan includes paid-out costs, family labour, land rent and capital interest as the true measure of farm cost;
- (b) the crop-wise comparison between Minimum Support Price(MSP) calculated on A2+FL and MSP that would prevail if fixed at C2 plus 50 per cent during the last five years;
- (c) the estimated income loss to farmers due to the non-implementation of full C2-based MSP; and
- (d) the policy, fiscal and market-related constraints preventing the legal and universal implementation of MSP at C2 plus 50 per cent?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): Every year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned.

National Commission on Farmers (NCF), constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan in 2004, inter alia, recommended that Minimum Support Price (MSPs) 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 percent over weighted average cost of production.

While recommending MSP, CACP considers important factors like cost of production, overall demand-supply conditions, domestic and international prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, the likely effect on the rest of the economy, besides ensuring rational utilization of land, water and other production resources and a minimum of 50 percent as the margin over cost of production. The crops wise details of cost of production, Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) and the rate of return over cost of production during last 5 years is given in the **Annexure**.

Increased MSP has benefited farmers of the country which are evident from data of procurement and MSP amount paid to the farmers. The details of procurement and MSP amount paid to farmers from the year 2014-15 to 2025-26 (upto October, 2025) are given as under:

Procurement	MSP Value
117 crore 32 lakh metric tonne	24 lakh 49 thousand crore rupees

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 2242 due for reply on 19/12/2025

The crops wise details of Cost of Production, Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) and Rate of return during last five years

(Rs. per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	KMS 2021-22			KMS 2022-23			KMS 2023-24			KMS 2024-25			KMS 2025-26		
		Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost
1	PADDY(Common)	1293	1940	50	1360	2040	50	1455	2183	50	1533	2300	50	1579	2369	50
	(Grade A)		1960			2060		-	2203			2320			2389	
2	JOWAR (Hybrid)	1825	2738	50	1977	2970	50	2120	3180	50	2247	3371	50	2466	3699	50
	(Maldandi)		2758			2990		0	3225			3421			3749	
3	BAJRA	1213	2250	85	1268	2350	85	1371	2500	82	1485	2625	77	1703	2775	63
4	RAGI	2251	3377	50	2385	3578	50	2564	3846	50	2860	4290	50	3257	4886	50
5	MAIZE	1246	1870	50	1308	1962	50	1394	2090	50	1447	2225	54	1508	2400	59
6	ARHAR(Tur)	3886	6300	62	4131	6600	60	4444	7000	58	4761	7550	59	5038	8000	59
7	MOONG	4850	7275	50	5167	7755	50	5705	8558	50	5788	8682	50	5845	8768	50
8	URAD	3816	6300	65	4155	6600	59	4592	6950	51	4883	7400	52	5114	7800	53
9	COTTON (Medium Staple)	3817	5726	50	4053	6080	50	4411	6620	50	4747	7121	50	5140	7710	50
	(Long Staple)		6025			6380		0	7020			7521			8110	
10	GROUNDNUT	3699	5550	50	3873	5850	51	4251	6377	50	4522	6783	50	4842	7263	50
11	SUNFLOWER SEED	4010	6015	50	4113	6400	56	4505	6760	50	4853	7280	50	5147	7721	50
12	SOYABEAN	2633	3950	50	2805	4300	53	3029	4600	52	3261	4892	50	3552	5328	50
13	SESAMUM	4871	7307	50	5220	7830	50	5755	8635	50	6178	9267	50	6564	9846	50
14	NIGERSEED	4620	6930	50	4858	7287	50	5156	7734	50	5811	8717	50	6358	9537	50

Note: KMS- Kharif Marketing Season

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(Rs. per quintal)

	RABI CROPS	RMS 2022-23			RMS 2023-24			RMS 2024-25			RMS 2025-26			RMS 2026-27		
		Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost	MSP	% Return over Cost
1	WHEAT	1008	2015	100	1065	2125	100	1128	2275	102	1182	2425	105	1239	2585	109
2	BARLEY	1019	1635	60	1082	1735	60	1158	1850	60	1239	1980	60	1361	2150	58
3	GRAM	3004	5230	74	3206	5335	66	3400	5440	60	3527	5650	60	3699	5875	59
4	MASUR (LENTIL)	3079	5500	79	3239	6000	85	3405	6425	89	3537	6700	89	3705	7000	89
5	RAPESEED/MUSTARD	2523	5050	100	2670	5450	104	2855	5650	98	3011	5950	98	3210	6200	93
6	SAFFLOWER	3627	5441	50	3765	5650	50	3807	5800	52	3960	5940	50	4360	6540	50
	OTHER CROPS															
	-	2021			2022			2023			2024			2025		
1	COPRA (Milling)	6805	10335	52	6974	10590	52	7153	10860	52	7350	11160	52	7721	11582	50
	(Ball)^		10600			11000			11750	64		12000			12100	
		2021-22			2022-23			2023-24			2024-25			2025-26		
2	JUTE	2832	4500	59	2959	4750	61	3095	5050	63	3237	5335	65	3387	5650	67

Note: RMS- Rabi Marketing Season
