

Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture in the State. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support.

Government has taken several initiatives to increase agricultural production and productivity and to enhance income of farmers which, *inter alia*, include National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card, initiatives of Government of doubling the farmers' income etc.

(c) to (e): The MSPs fixed by Government from 2015-16 to 2017-18 are at **Annexure**.

Suggestions from State Governments and various farmer organizations are received from time to time for increasing the MSP of crops. Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for twenty two (22) major crops and Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for Sugarcane on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments. While formulating its recommendations on price policy, CACP considers various important factors that include cost of cultivation, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living etc.

The Government offers to procure the agricultural produce through procurement agencies at MSP. Food Corporation of India (FCI) is central nodal agencies for undertaking price support operations for foodgrains. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), FCI, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and Small Farmers Agri - Business Consortium (SFAC) undertake price support operations for pulses and oilseeds. However, farmers are free to sell their produce to Government procurement agencies at MSP or in the open market as is advantageous to them.

Government also implements Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) for market intervention through the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The PSF scheme promotes direct purchase from farmers/farmers' association at farm gate/Mandi of agri-horticultural commodities like onion, potato and pulses to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.

Government also implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities not covered under the Minimum Support Price on the request of State/UT Government. The MIS is implemented in order to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop when the prices tend to fall below the economic level/cost of production. Losses, if any, incurred by the procuring agencies are shared by the Central Government and the concerned State Government on 50:50 basis (75:25 in case of North-Eastern States).

In addition, Government is also implementing e-National Agriculture Market and promoting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2749 for answer on 01.08.2017

MSP including Bonus

According to crop year

(Rs. per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	<u>KHARIF CROPS</u>				
1	PADDY	Common	1410	1470	1550
		Grade 'A'	1450	1510	1590
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	1570	1625	1700
		Maldandi	1590	1650	1725
3	BAJRA		1275	1330	1425
4	MAIZE		1325	1365	1425
5	RAGI		1650	1725	1900
6	ARHAR(Tur)		4625^	5050^^	5450^
7	MOONG		4850^	5225^^	5575^
8	URAD		4625^	5000^^	5400^
9	COTTON	Medium Staple	3800	3860	4020
		Long Staple	4100	4160	4320
10	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL		4030	4220*	4450^
11	SUNFLOWER SEED		3800	3950*	4100*
12	SOYABEAN		2600	2775*	3050^
13	SESAMUM		4700	5000^	5300*
14	NIGERSEED		3650	3825*	4050*
	<u>RABI CROPS</u>				
15	WHEAT		1525	1625	-
16	BARLEY		1225	1325	-
17	GRAM		3500**	4000^	-
18	MASUR (LENTIL)		3400**	3950@	-
19	RAPESEED/MUSTARD		3350	3700*	-
20	SAFFLOWER		3300	3700*	-
21	TORIA		3290	3560	-
	<u>OTHER CROPS</u>				
22	COPRA	Milling	5550	5950	6500
	(Calender Year)	Ball	5830	6240	6785
23	DE-HUSKED COCONUT (Calender Year)		1500	1600	1760
24	JUTE		2700	3200	3500
25	SUGARCANE\$		230.00	230.00	255

\$ Fair and remunerative price.

*Including bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal

**Including Bonus of Rs. 75 per quintal.

^Including Bonus of Rs. 200 per quintal.
^^Including Bonus of Rs. 425 per quintal.
@Including Bonus of Rs. 150 per quintal.
