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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.403
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH JULY, 2017

MSP FOR PULSES, OILSEEDS AND COTTON

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE †ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the estimated production of pulses, cotton and oilseeds during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether it is a fact that farmers from various parts of the country have been demanding increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for oilseeds, cotton and pulses, if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) has also recommended for increase in MSP for pulses, oilseeds and cotton for 2017-2018 crop year, if so, the details of the MSP fixed by the Government for these items;
- (d) whether the Government has also directed to the States to procure all farm produce so that farmers are not forced to sell their produce at lower prices, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether his Ministry had also meeting with seed companies to cut prices of hybrid seeds by 10%, if so, the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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- (a): The production of pulses, cotton and oilseeds for the years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is at **Annexure I**.

(b) to (d): Representations are received from time to time from various organizations requesting for increase in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of various crops including pulses, oilseeds and cotton.

Government fixes MSP on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), views of State Governments, Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors. MSPs fixed by the Government for pulses, oilseeds and cotton for 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 are at **Annexure-II**.

Government ensures Minimum Support Price (MSP) through procurement operations undertaken by the Central, State and Cooperative agencies in the States. State Governments have been alerted from time to time to make adequate arrangements to ensure MSP to farmers.

MSP is in the nature of minimum price offered by the Government to farmers to procure their produce when market prices tend to fall below MSP. However, farmers are free to sell their produce to Government agencies or in the open market as is advantageous to them.

(e): During a meeting held on 16.06.2017, representatives of seed companies agreed to reduce the selling price (on MRP) of hybrid seeds except cotton seeds by 10 percent during Kharif 2017-18.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 403 for answer on 18.07.2017 regarding “MSP for pulses, oilseeds and cotton”

PRODUCTION OF PULSES, OILSEEDS AND COTTON

Million Tonnes				
PULSES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*
Tur	3.17	2.81	2.56	4.60
Moong	1.61	1.50	1.59	2.07
Urad	1.70	1.96	1.95	2.93
Gram	9.53	7.33	7.06	9.08
Other Pulses	3.24	3.54	3.19	3.73
OILSEEDS				
Groundnut in shell	9.71	7.40	6.73	7.65
Sunflower	0.50	0.43	0.30	0.23
Soyabean	11.86	10.37	8.57	14.01
Sesamum	0.72	0.83	0.85	0.80
Nigersed	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.09
Rapeseed/Mustard	7.88	6.28	6.80	7.98
Safflower	0.11	0.09	0.05	0.06
Cotton#	359.02	348.05	300.05	325.76

*3rd Advance Estimates

#Lakh bales of 170 kgs each

Annexure-II

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 403 for answer on 18.07.2017 regarding “MSP for pulses,oilseeds and cotton”

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES FOR PULSES,OILSEEDS AND COTTON

Rs.per quintal				
Sl. No.	Commodity	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18\$
	<u>PULSES</u>			
1	ARHAR(Tur)	4625 [^]	5050 ^{^^}	5450 [^]
2	MOONG	4850 [^]	5225 ^{^^}	5575 [^]
3	URAD	4625 [^]	5000 ^{^^}	5400 [^]
4	GRAM	3500 ^{**}	4000 [^]	-
5	MASUR (LENTIL)	3400 ^{**}	3950 [@]	-
	<u>OILSEEDS</u>			
6	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL	4030	4220 [*]	4450 [^]
7	SUNFLOWER SEED	3800	3950 [*]	4100 [*]
8	SOYABEEN	2600	2775 [*]	3050 [^]
9	SESAMUM	4700	5000 [^]	5300 [*]
10	NIGERSEED	3650	3825 [*]	4050 [*]
11	RAPESEED/MUSTARD	3350	3700 [*]	-
12	SAFFLOWER	3300	3700 [*]	-
13	COTTON (Medium Staple)	3800	3860	4020
	(Long Staple)	4100	4160	4320

[^]Including bonus of Rs.200 per quintal

^{^^}Including bonus of Rs 425 per quintals

^{*}Including bonus of Rs.100 per quintal

[@] Including bonus of Rs.150 per quintal

^{**}Including bonus of Rs. 75 per quintal

\$ MSP for Kharif season 2017-18
