

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 42
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2017

INCREASE IN MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE

*42. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण
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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has recently announced an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat, pulses and oilseeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the increase in Minimum Support Price of various agricultural produce during the last three years, crop-wise;
- (c) the criteria/formula adopted in increasing the MSP of wheat, pulses and oilseeds and the reaction of farmers/farmers' federations on the increase of MSP of wheat, pulses and oilseeds;
- (d) whether some State Governments have urged the Union Government to review the increase in MSP of wheat, pulses and oilseeds in line with the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission's report; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 42 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2017.

(a): Government has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of Rabi crops including wheat, pulses and oilseeds for 2017-18 on 24th October 2017.

(b): For Rabi crops 2017-18, the Government has increased the MSP of wheat to Rs. 1735 per quintal in 2017-18 as compared to Rs. 1625 per quintal in 2016-17. For Barley, MSP has been increased to Rs. 1410 per quintal for 2017-18 from Rs. 1325 per quintal in 2016-17. For Gram the MSP has been increased to Rs. 4400 (including a bonus of Rs. 150 per quintal) for 2017-18 from Rs. 4000 per quintal in 2016-17. For Masur, MSP has been increased to Rs. 4250 per quintal (including a bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal) in 2017-18 from Rs. 3950 per quintal in 2016-17. For Rapeseed/Mustard MSP has been increased to Rs. 4000 per quintal (including a bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal) in 2017-18 from Rs. 3700 per quintal in 2016-17. Similarly, MSP of Safflower has been increased to Rs. 4100 per quintal (including a bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal) in 2017-18 from Rs. 3700 per quintal in 2016-17. Details of MSPs fixed by the Government and increase in MSPs during the last three years are at **Annexure**.

(c): The decision to increase MSPs is based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). While recommending MSPs, CACP takes into account the cost of production, overall demand-supply, 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 production resources like land and water. CACP also holds consultations with various stakeholders including State governments and farmers' representatives before finalizing its recommendations.

(d) & (e): Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 major agricultural crops viz. Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Arhar, Moong, Urad, Groundnut-in-shell, Soyabean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Nigerseed, Cotton, Wheat, Barley, Gram, Masur (Lentil), Rapeseed/Mustard, Safflower, Jute and Copra and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for Sugarcane on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after obtaining the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors. No specific recommendation to review the increase in MSP of wheat, pulses and oilseeds in line with Swaminathan Commission recommendations were received from the State governments on the recommendations of the CACP for Rabi crops of 2017-18.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 42 due for reply on 19.12.2017.

Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) and increase in MSP

(Rs. per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2014-15	2015-16	(#) increase in MSP 2015-16 over 2014-15	2016-17	(#) increase in MSP 2016-17 over 2015-16	2017-18	(#) increase in MSP 2017-18 over 2016-17
	KHARIF CROPS								
1	PADDY	Common	1360	1410	50(3.7)	1470	60(4.3)	1550	80(5.4)
		Grade 'A'	1400	1450	50(3.6)	1510	60(4.1)	1590	80(5.3)
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	1530	1570	40(2.6)	1625	55(3.5)	1700	75(4.6)
		Maldandi	1550	1590	40(2.6)	1650	60(3.8)	1725	75(4.5)
3	BAJRA		1250	1275	25(2.0)	1330	55(4.3)	1425	95(7.1)
4	MAIZE		1310	1325	15(1.1)	1365	40(3.0)	1425	60(4.3)
5	RAGI		1550	1650	100(6.5)	1725	75(4.5)	1900	175(10.1)
6	ARHAR(Tur)		4350	4625^	275(6.3)	5050^^	425(9.2)	5450^	400(7.9)
7	MOONG		4600	4850^	250(5.4)	5225^^	375(7.7)	5575^	350(6.7)
8	URAD		4350	4625^	275(6.3)	5000^^	375(8.1)	5400^	400(8)
9	COTTON	Medium Staple	3750	3800	50(1.3)	3860	60(1.6)	4020	160(4.1)
		Long Staple	4050	4100	50(1.2)	4160	60(1.5)	4320	160(3.8)
10	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL		4000	4030	30(0.8)	4220*	190(4.7)	4450^	230(5.5)
11	SUNFLOWER SEED		3750	3800	50(1.3)	3950*	150(3.9)	4100*	150(3.8)
12	SOYABEEN		2560	2600	40(1.6)	2775*	175(6.7)	3050^	275(9.9)
13	SESAMUM		4600	4700	100(2.2)	5000^	300(6.4)	5300*	300(6)
14	NIGERSEED		3600	3650	50(1.4)	3825*	175(4.8)	4050*	225(5.9)
	RABI CROPS								
15	WHEAT		1450	1525	75(5.2)	1625	100(6.6)	1735	110(6.8)
16	BARLEY		1150	1225	75(6.5)	1325	100(8.2)	1410	85(6.4)
17	GRAM		3175	3500**	325(10.2)	4000^	500(14.3)	4400@	400(10.0)
18	MASUR (LENTIL)		3075	3400**	325(10.6)	3950@	550(16.2)	4250*	300(7.6)
19	RAPESEED/MUSTARD		3100	3350	250(8.0)	3700*	350(10.4)	4000*	300(8.1)
20	SAFFLOWER		3050	3300	250(8.2)	3700*	400(12.1)	4100*	400(10.8)
21	TORIA		3020	3290	270(8.9)	3560	270(8.2)		
	OTHER CROPS								
22	COPRA	Milling	5250	5550	300(5.7)	5950	400(7.2)	6500	550(9.2)
		(Calender Year)	Ball	5500	5830	330(6.0)	6240	410(7.0)	6785
23	DE-HUSKED COCONUT (Calender Year)		1425	1500	75(5.3)	1600	100(6.7)	1760	160(10)
24	JUTE		2400	2700	300(12.5)	3200	500(18.5)	3500	300(9.3)
25	SUGARCANE\$		220.00	230.00	10(4.5)	230.00	0	255	25(10.9)

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.

\$ 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
