

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1627
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MARCH, 2018

REMUNERATIVE PRICES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

1627. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to a survey by an autonomous social science research institute, one in every four farmer respondents across all regions of the country said that low prices of crops was their most pressing problem and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the prices of the main agricultural crops during the years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the farmers get remunerative prices for their produce?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) A Survey conducted in January 2018 by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies found that one in every four farmer respondents opined that low prices of crops was the most pressing problem for farmers across all regions.

The Problems Faced by Indian Farmers

	Farmers opinion (%)
Not getting right price for crops	23
Lack of irrigation facilities	16
Crop failure	11
Govt. neglect of agriculture	8
High input costs	6
Farmer suicides	4
Debt burden	4
Finding labour	3
Poor earning through agriculture	2
Low production/yield	2
Not getting loans easily	2
Other problems (<2% each)	8
No response	11

Source: Mood of the Nation (MOTN) 2018

(b): The all India average monthly wholesale prices of major agricultural commodities are given at Annexure.

(c): To facilitate remunerative price to farmers for their farm produce, the Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of principal crops and conducts procurement operations to stabilize prices. For the perishable and horticultural commodities for which MSPs are not fixed, in order to protect the growers from distress sales, Government implements the Market Intervention Scheme whereby procurement is made on the request of State Governments.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1627 due for answer on 06.03.2018

Monthly All India Average Wholesale Prices of Major Agricultural Commodities from January 2015 to December, 2017.

Rs/Quintal

Commodities	2015											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Paddy	1575	1573	1519	1499	1493	1507	1489	1541	1572	1535	1585	1514
Rice	3037	3020	2969	2931	3012	2963	2934	2949	2978	2975	2989	3025
Bajra	1400	1372	1384	1398	1414	1402	1417	1486	1470	1496	1551	1568
Barley	1513	1527	1406	1331	1364	1336	1365	1412	1518	1623	1629	1627
Gram	3516	3594	3685	4017	4374	4463	4585	4788	4851	5135	5279	5245
Jowar	2046	2086	1980	1960	2062	2037	2008	1890	1842	1880	1950	2007
Maize	1352	1382	1386	1367	1353	1332	1358	1381	1407	1400	1453	1464
Ragi	1984	1960	2004	1971	1946	1904	1914	1933	1980	1952	1932	2006
Wheat	1760	1718	1732	1702	1689	1663	1680	1741	1742	1842	1867	1872
Arhar Whole	5050	5194	5165	5599	6010	6275	6611	7431	7834	8863	8495	8777
Masur Whole	5843	5909	5871	5923	6646	6644	6908	7053	6989	7075	7084	6916
Moong Whole	7477	7228	7375	7340	7728	7623	7547	7381	7668	8322	8258	7947
Urad Whole	5839	5656	5952	6287	7065	7475	7444	7591	8082	10144	10229	10153
Groundnut	4253	4362	4434	4613	4965	5238	5056	5163	5331	4552	4725	4725
Copra	11181	10344	10772	10614	10009	9488	9635	9179	8897	8551	8240	7588
Kardiseed	2443	2408	2511	2398	2403	2405	2495	2358	2313	2495	2370	2485
Mustard Seed	3932	3909	3767	3702	3994	4106	4098	4130	4290	4636	4590	4449
Nigerseed	3953	4333	4500	4700	5267	6743	6450	7117	3950	7300	7400	7150
Sesamum Seed	9820	9444	9273	9398	9349	9101	9298	8713	8804	8247	8177	7403
Soyabean	3175	3198	3184	3542	3680	3376	3297	3216	3198	3576	3595	3460
Sunflower Seed	3013	3228	3167	3056	3227	3178	3180	3304	3353	3554	3539	3556
Cotton/Kapas	3890	3951	4010	4156	4059	4023	4091	4025	4278	4272	4118	4340
Jute Raw	2997	3060	3015	3030	3161	3441	3655	3553	3817	4188	4348	4577
Potato	953	795	743	697	743	894	962	883	899	1032	1035	965
Onion	1943	1854	1665	1603	1936	2483	3075	4426	4294	3478	2708	2136
Tomato	1310	1180	1350	1498	1950	2139	2047	1682	1846	2282	3024	1886

Commodities	2016											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Paddy	1497	1505	1510	1518	1527	1586	1630	1625	1631	1678	1691	1684
Rice	3005	2987	2966	3005	3057	3114	3167	3166	3201	3214	3214	3244
Bajra	1642	1691	1767	1831	1861	1814	1837	1840	1707	1617	1697	1684
Barley	1573	1645	1578	1667	1644	1679	1718	1701	1698	1745	1797	1786
Gram	4973	4882	4819	5521	5859	6411	8015	7612	8543	9408	9155	8985
Jowar	1962	2024	1952	1921	2099	2092	2092	1970	1995	1926	2078	2302
Maize	1567	1517	1498	1488	1530	1602	1663	1655	1663	1573	1574	1557
Ragi	2020	2040	2038	2174	2203	2106	2118	2084	2076	2433	2807	2820
Wheat	1889	1912	1911	1901	1878	1917	1932	1922	1945	1990	2105	2114
Arhar Whole	8568	8191	8190	8768	8265	8378	8188	7260	6960	6892	6492	5552
Masur Whole	6827	6071	6418	6783	6904	6929	6998	6636	6566	6293	6150	5908
Moong Whole	7660	7601	7544	7732	7433	7234	6825	6240	5915	5915	5894	5781
Urad Whole	10045	10364	10292	11170	11266	11449	11167	10358	9483	8944	8515	7956
Groundnut	4763	4807	4969	5382	5523	5558	5779	5579	5334	4720	4780	5030
Copra	6610	6800	6026	6815	6252	5832	5654	6290	6296	6289	6422	6845
Kardiseed	2510	2435	2415	2263	2471	2563	2619	2588	2490	2675	2608	2625
Mustard Seed	4330	4106	3991	4214	4241	4320	4439	4523	4460	4450	4446	4387
Nigerseed	6600	5733	6650	6200	6100	6000	6050	5900	5900	5900	5900	5567
Sesamum Seed	7654	7017	7322	8275	7874	7818	7864	8239	7964	7665	7535	7627
Soyabean	3355	3308	3411	3802	3645	3739	3656	3518	3101	3002	2822	2850
Sunflower Seed	3532	3544	3508	3410	3378	3316	3289	3396	3358	3362	3170	3174
Cotton/Kapas	4471	4313	4297	4516	4574	4960	5379	5570	5249	4744	4830	4954
Jute Raw	4798	5026	5215	5268	5277	5326	5038	4011	4168	4113	4110	4021
Potato	844	917	966	1179	1402	1578	1679	1701	1593	1508	1290	856
Onion	1684	1343	1186	1248	1266	1341	1249	1171	1078	1160	1301	1248
Tomato	1277	964	998	1600	2365	3114	2125	1308	1548	1435	1292	921

Commodities	2017											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Paddy	1647	1673	1682	1653	1646	1694	1715	1721	1725	1718	1737	1716
Rice	3253	3342	3361	3345	3363	3362	3392	3348	3380	3409	3354	3340
Bajra	1712	1688	1696	1715	1686	1614	1661	1638	1521	1504	1492	1472
Barley	1869	1851	1649	1567	1519	1498	1529	1507	1540	1552	1572	1618
Gram	7695	6552	6119	6154	6131	5818	5792	5978	6130	5861	5666	5317
Jowar	2186	2210	2184	2152	2182	2211	2225	2262	2070	2038	2051	2188
Maize	1581	1605	1575	1592	1628	1614	1558	1587	1507	1472	1461	1473
Ragi	2959	3166	3111	3098	2978	2923	3193	3242	2961	2842	2720	2715
Wheat	2112	2047	1952	1946	1923	1923	1920	1895	1897	1901	1912	1924
Arhar Whole	5240	4891	4927	4766	4452	4270	4182	4510	4354	4283	4266	4357
Masur Whole	5613	5233	5309	5080	4940	4668	4443	4593	4540	4400	4361	4273
Moong Whole	5558	5475	5534	5517	5426	5132	4976	5230	5137	5145	5153	5329
Urad Whole	7690	6921	6795	6620	6576	6252	5999	6228	5889	5599	5442	5396
Groundnut	4995	4945	5286	5304	5228	4731	4754	4610	4311	4237	4391	4367
Copra	7848	7595	8030	8059	8483	8333	9168	10054	11708	11682	12427	13193
Kardiseed	2738	2660	2774	2758	3027	3138	3265	3375	3334	3221	3176	3140
Mustard Seed	4240	4057	3896	3943	3932	3870	3942	3992	3977	3993	4024	4106
Nigerseed	5567	5700	5700	5683	5767	5823	5800	5783	5803	5828	5777	5733
Sesamum Seed	7002	7081	7235	7143	7003	6844	6843	7342	7341	7281	7709	7829
Soyabean	2929	2868	2877	2898	2905	2925	2987	2961	2910	2888	2976	3079
Sunflower Seed	3248	3124	3013	2967	2964	2905	2845	2877	2871	2854	2949	2881
Cotton/Kapas	5489	5383	5362	5072	4805	4498	4834	4955	4406	4390	4530	4975
Jute Raw	4094	4117	3794	3576	3506	3528	3298	3414	3423	3414	3321	3265
Potato	730	692	674	771	843	872	958	918	865	977	905	834
Onion	1191	1284	1320	1478	1682	2089	1846	2825	2478	3303	4360	3581
Tomato	1032	1137	1254	895	970	2943	5576	3866	1822	3244	3686	1349