

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4068**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

**BENEFITS OF MSP**

4068. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

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

- (a) whether the benefits of Minimum Support Price (MSP) provided by the Government to the farmers actually benefits only 6% of the farmers in the entire country; and
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to enhance the quantum of the products/crops purchased/procured at the Minimum Support Price by the Government to the maximum possible limit so that larger number of farmers benefit out of it?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): No Madam, under the present procurement mechanism, Government agencies procure the notified agricultural produce of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) at Minimum Support Price (MSP) directly from farmers in consultation with the concerned State Government as and when market price of these produce fall below the MSP, as per prescribed guidelines. However, if farmers gets better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market.

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