

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2532  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019

**FIXATION OF MINIMUM PRICE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE**

2532. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for minimum price fixation of every agriculture produce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government will consider the same?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government presently fixes minimum support prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated 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 and Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. In addition, MSPs for toria and de-husked coconut are also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed/mustard and copra respectively. These MSP crops cover approximately 99 per cent of the total agricultural output (does not include horticulture) in the country.

Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for horticultural crops which are perishable in nature and some agricultural crops which are not covered under the MSP on the request of State/UT Government concerned. The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels and cost of production.

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