

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2111
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019

MINOR FOREST PRODUCE (MFP)

†2111. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total number of items in the list of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) at present;
- (b) whether the Government has implemented any plan for ensuring enhanced minimum support price for MFP items across the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to reach out to tribals surviving on earnings from MFPs to get fair prices when they sell their produce?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a): Government of India has notified 50 items in the list of Minor Forest Produce.

(b): The Minimum Support Price notified by Government of India was enhanced on 26/12/2018 and 11/01/2019 on the basis of the recommendation of the pricing cell which is set-up from time to time in Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED). The cell includes experts/ knowledgeable person from the fields of price fixation economic analysis, trade and market of Miner Forest Produce and is based on the cost collection, cost of cleaning and primary processing, packaging, transportation etc.

(c): The Government of India has introduced Van Dhan Vikas Karykram under which the Minor Forest Produce gatherers will be given training in scientific method of collection of Minor Forest Produces, their processing, value addition etc. The trainees will also be provided with tool kit suitable for the type of Miner Forest Produce collected at that Kendra.
