

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.192**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021

**PROVISION OF MSP**

192. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

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

- (a) whether the Government intends to provide Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers in the country; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government with regard to the procurement being carried out by middlemen in Uttar Pradesh so that farmers get MSP for their crops?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Government notifies Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 22 major agriculture commodities covering both Kharif and Rabi seasons for Fair Average Quality (FAQ). Further, in order to provide Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers, Government implements "Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshana Abhiyan" (PM-AASHA) comprising Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) and Pilot Procurement and Stockist Scheme (PPSS). Pulses, oilseeds and copra of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) are procured from registered farmers under PSS as per its prescribed guidelines at MSP in consultation with the concerned State Government as and when market price of these produce fall below the MSP. Under PM-AASHA, States / UTs are offered to choose either Price Support Scheme (PSS) or Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) in a given procurement season with respect to particular oilseeds crop for the entire State. Further, States have the option to roll out Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme (PPSS) on pilot basis in district / selected APMC(s) of district involving the participation of private stockist for oilseeds. Government also extends price support to paddy and wheat through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies. Further, the different types of nutri-cereals and maize are procured by State Governments itself in consultation with FCI to the extent that the concerned State Government may utilise the same for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) as well as Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). Cotton and Jutes are also procured by Government at MSP through Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and Jute Corporation of India (JCI).

(b): The procurement of wheat, paddy, pulses, and oilseeds at Minimum Support Price (MSP) is done by Government agencies directly from farmers in Uttar Pradesh.