

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5392
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH APRIL, 2022

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE

5392. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:
MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

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

- (a) whether the Government intends to cover the difference between sale price and Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the struggling farmers until a coherent MSP policy is drafted;
- (b) if so, the details and timelines thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted the Committee for legal guarantee of MSP as assured by Agriculture Secretary to SamyuktaKisanMorchha in December, 2021 in view of the fact that model code of conduct for assembly elections have ended;
- (d) if so, the details and composition thereof and if not, the reasons for delay; and
- (e) the date and letter/communication number which was sent for permission of Election Commission to form this Committee during model code of conduct along with details of date and communication number of reply by Election Commission received by the Ministry?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 22 mandated agricultural crops and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors.

The Government in its Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSP at a level of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government has increased the MSP for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops with a return of atleast 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production from the agricultural year 2018-19 onwards **(Annex)**.

Additionally, Government extends price support for paddy and wheat through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies. Under this policy, whatever food grains are offered by farmers within the stipulated period & conforming to the specifications prescribed by Government are purchased at MSP by the State Government agencies including FCI for Central Pool.

Oilseeds, pulses and copra of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) are procured from registered farmers under Price Support Scheme under Umbrella Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshana Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), as per its prescribed guidelines at MSP in consultation with the concerned State Government.

(c) and (d): To promote natural farming, scientifically change the crop pattern keeping in mind the changing requirements of the country and make MSP more effective and transparent, the process of setting up a committee is under progress.

(e): Approval for constitution of the committee was sought from the Election Commission vide this Ministry's Letter No. L-15016/01/2021-MPS dated 31st January, 2022. Reply received from the Election Commission vide letter No. 437/6/CG/LA-MULTI/ECI/LET/FUNCT/MCC/2022/465 dated 1st February, 2022.

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5392 due for reply on 05.04.2022

Minimum Support Prices (MSP)

(According to crop year)

(Rs. per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
	KHARIF CROPS						
1	PADDY	Common	1550	1750	1815	1868	1940
		Grade 'A'	1590	1770	1835	1888	1960
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	1700	2430	2550	2620	2738
		Maldandi	1725	2450	2570	2640	2758
3	BAJRA		1425	1950	2000	2150	2250
4	RAGI		1900	2897	3150	3295	3377
5	MAIZE		1425	1700	1760	1850	1870
6	TUR (ARHAR)		5450	5675	5800	6000	6300
7	MOONG		5575	6975	7050	7196	7275
8	URAD		5400	5600	5700	6000	6300
9	GROUNDNUT		4450	4890	5090	5275	5550
10	SUNFLOWER SEED		4100	5388	5650	5885	6015
11	SOYABEEN (yellow)		3050	3399	3710	3880	3950
12	SESAMUM		5300	6249	6485	6855	7307
13	NIGERSEED		4050	5877	5940	6695	6930
14	COTTON	Medium Staple	4020	5150	5255	5515	5726
		Long Staple	4320	5450	5550	5825	6025
	RABI CROPS						
15	WHEAT		1735	1840	1925	1975	2015
16	BARLEY		1410	1440	1525	1600	1635
17	GRAM		4400	4620	4875	5100	5230
18	MASUR (LENTIL)		4250	4475	4800	5100	5500
19	RAPESEED & MUSTARD		4000	4200	4425	4650	5050
20	SAFFLOWER		4100	4945	5215	5327	5441
	OTHER CROPS						
22	COPRA (Calendar Year)	Milling	6500	7511	9521	9960	10335
		Ball	6785	7750	9920	10300	10600
24	JUTE		3500	3700	3950	4225	4500

