

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1334

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30TH JULY, 2024

ANALYSIS OF SWAMINATHAN COMMITTEE REPORT

1334. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the recommendation of M.S.Swaminathan Report regarding fixing of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for agricultural produce at fifty percent profit on production cost including interest on loans taken for agriculture is being followed in letter and spirit as MSP is often paid below the cost of production;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has analysed the Swaminathan Committee Report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the reasons for non-implementation of all the recommendations of the said Committee; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fix MSP for agricultural produce as per the said Report?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): National Commission on Farmers (NCF), constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan in 2004, inter alia, recommended that Minimum Support Price

(MSPs) should be at least 50 percent more than the weighted average cost of production. To give effect to this recommendation, Government, in its Union Budget for 2018-19, had made an announcement to keep MSP at a level of minimum one and half times of the cost of production as a pre-determined principle. Accordingly, MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops have been fixed with a margin of at least 50 per cent over weighted average cost of production.

(c) to (e): Based on the 'Draft National Policy for Farmers', submitted by the Swaminathan Commission, which contained major recommendations of the Commission, the Government approved the 'National Policy for Farmers in 2007' (NPF 2007), which aimed to improve economic viability of farming and increase net income of farmers. In relation to these recommendations, an Inter- Ministerial Committee (IMC) was constituted in the year 2007, which recommended 201 Action Points to be implemented by the Government. All 201 Action Points have been implemented.
