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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 244**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2025

**POLICY OF FIXING MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE**

**244. SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE:**  
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has implemented the policy of fixing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) at one-and-a-half times the cost of production for various crops and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of method and cost formula used for calculating MSP and whether it is uniform across all crops and States;
- (c) the details of MSP fixed during the last five years and how it compares to corresponding cost of production, crop-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the extent to which this MSP policy has benefitted farmers across the country including Maharashtra especially in terms of increased income and procurement levels;
- (e) the details of actual procurement under MSP for key crops like paddy, wheat and pulses during the last three years, with specific reference to Maharashtra;
- (f) whether farmers in various States, including Maharashtra have reported concerns that the MSP declared does not fully reflect their input costs or market conditions and if so, response of Government thereto; and
- (g) whether the Government proposes to expand the MSP coverage and procurement operations for crops that are currently under-represented in the system and the timeline for the same?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

- (a): Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central

Ministries/Departments concerned. The 22 mandated crops include 14 Kharif crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur (arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton and 6 Rabi crops viz. wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed & mustard, safflower and two commercial crops viz. jute and copra.

The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a minimum return of 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production from year 2018-19 onwards.

(b): While recommending the price policy, the CACP considers all costs in a comprehensive manner which include all paid out costs such as those incurred on account of hired human labour, bullock labour/machine labour, rent paid for leased in land, expenses incurred on use of material inputs like seeds, fertilizers, manures, irrigation charges, depreciation on implements and farm buildings, interest on working capital, diesel/electricity for operation of pump sets etc., miscellaneous expenses and imputed value of family labour. Further, The cost formula used for calculating MSP is uniform for all 22 mandated crops and states.

(c): The details of MSPs fixed, costs and Profit margin (MSP as a percentage of Cost) for Marketing Season 2021-22 to 2025-26 are given at **Annexure** .

(d) & (e): Increased MSP has benefited farmers of whole country including in Maharashtra which is evident from data given below for the procurement and MSP amount paid to farmers for key crops such as Paddy, Wheat and Pulses between 2022-23 and 2024-25.

CROPS	All India		Maharashtra	
	Procurement (in LMT)	MSP Value (Rs. In Crore)	Procurement (in LMT)	MSP Value (Rs. In Crore)
Paddy	2,381.19	5,22,264.44	42.89	9,334.53
Wheat	828.42	1,89,039.84	0.00	0.00
Pulses	49.11	31,276.55	9.12	5,168.28
Total (All 22 Crops)	3,382.64	8,43,445.57	70.07	31,989.60

(f) to (g): Every year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops for the country as a whole and not region specific and cost of production is considered on the basis of all India weighted average method.

For perishable agricultural and horticultural commodities including vegetables and fruits which are not covered under the MSP, Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) 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 a bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels and cost of production.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (C) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 244 due for reply on 22.07.2025

**Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Cost of Production(Marketing Season-Wise) (Rs. per quintal)**

Sl. No.	KHARIF CROPS	KMS 2021-22		KMS 2022-23		KMS 2023-24		KMS 2024-25		KMS 2025-26	
		Cost	MSP	Cost	MSP	Cost	MSP	Cost	MSP	Cost	MSP
1	PADDY(Common)	1293	1940	1360	2040	1455	2183	1533	2300	1579	2369
	PADDY (Grade A)^	-	1960	-	2060	-	2203	-	2320	-	2389
2	JOWAR (Hybrid)	1825	2738	1977	2970	2120	3180	2247	3371	2466	3699
	JOWAR (Maldandi)^	-	2758	-	2990	-	3225	-	3421	-	3749
3	BAJRA	1213	2250	1268	2350	1371	2500	1485	2625	1703	2775
4	RAGI	2251	3377	2385	3578	2564	3846	2860	4290	3257	4886
5	MAIZE	1246	1870	1308	1962	1394	2090	1447	2225	1508	2400
6	ARHAR(Tur)	3886	6300	4131	6600	4444	7000	4761	7550	5038	8000
7	MOONG	4850	7275	5167	7755	5705	8558	5788	8682	5845	8768
8	URAD	3816	6300	4155	6600	4592	6950	4883	7400	5114	7800
9	COTTON (Medium Staple)	3817	5726	4053	6080	4411	6620	4747	7121	5140	7710
	COTTON (Long Staple)	-	6025	-	6380	-	7020	-	7521	-	8110
10	GROUNDNUT	3699	5550	3873	5850	4251	6377	4522	6783	4842	7263
11	SUNFLOWER SEED	4010	6015	4113	6400	4505	6760	4853	7280	5147	7721
12	SOYABEAN	2633	3950	2805	4300	3029	4600	3261	4892	3552	5328
13	SESAMUM	4871	7307	5220	7830	5755	8635	6178	9267	6564	9846
14	NIGERSEED	4620	6930	4858	7287	5156	7734	5811	8717	6358	9537

## Annexure (cont...)

Sl. No.	RABI CROPS	RMS 2021-22		RMS 2022-23		RMS 2023-24		RMS 2024-25		RMS 2025-26	
		Cost	MSP	Cost	MSP	Cost	MSP	Cost	MSP	Cost	MSP
15	WHEAT	960	1975	1008	2015	1065	2125	1128	2275	1182	2425
16	BARLEY	971	1600	1019	1635	1082	1735	1158	1850	1239	1980
17	GRAM	2866	5100	3004	5230	3206	5335	3400	5440	3527	5650
18	MASUR (LENTIL)	2864	5100	3079	5500	3239	6000	3405	6425	3537	6700
19	RAPESEED/MUSTARD	2415	4650	2523	5050	2670	5450	2855	5650	3011	5950
20	SAFFLOWER	3551	5327	3627	5441	3765	5650	3807	5800	3960	5940
	<b>COMMERCIAL CROPS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>		<b>2022-23</b>		<b>2023-24</b>		<b>2024-25</b>		<b>2025-26</b>	
21	JUTE	2832	4500	2959	4750	3095	5050	3237	5335	3387	5650
		<b>2021</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>2023</b>		<b>2024</b>		<b>2025</b>	
22	COPRA (Milling)	6805	10335	6974	10590	7153	10860	7350	11160	7721	11582
	COPRA (Ball)^		10600	-	11000	-	11750	-	12000	-	12100

Note: KMS: Kharif Marketing Season, RMS: Rabi Marketing Season

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