

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 450**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

**MSP AND COST OF PRODUCTION OF CROPS**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase in the cost of production of various crops covered under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the last five years, crop-wise;

(b) the comparative details of the increase in the cost of production and the increase in MSP during the last five years;

(c) the provisions made by the Government to procure maximum quantity of crops at MSP from the farmers and the details there of including the upper limit of such crops;

(d) whether the Government reviews the procurement made out at MSP: and

(e) if so, the names of the crops which are not being procured despite being covered under MSP in various States including Rajasthan along with the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 450 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026 REGARDING 'MSP AND COST OF PRODUCTION'**

(a) & (b): Every year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops for the country as a whole, based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned.

The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at levels of at least 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, which has benefitted farmers across the country. The details of year wise Cost of Production and Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of 22 mandated crops during last five years are given at **Annexure**.

(c) to (e): Out of the total production, only marketable surplus is available for procurement by Government agencies when market price of these produce fall below the MSP. Government procures cereals and coarse cereals through Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other designated State Agencies to provide price support to the farmers. Procurement of pulses, oilseeds and copra is done under Price Support Scheme under Umbrella Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), on the request of the concerned State Government as per the guidelines as and when market price of these produce fall below the MSP. Procurement agencies under PM-AASHA Scheme are National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) and National Co-operative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF). Cotton and Jute are also procured by Government at MSP through Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and Jute Corporation of India (JCI), respectively.

Adequate number of Procurement centres are opened by respective State Government Agencies, taking into account the production, marketable surplus, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics / infrastructure such as storage and transportation etc. Temporary purchase centres, in addition to the existing Mandis and depots/godowns are also established at key points.

The procurement operation is a continuously evolving process and during the last few years, procurement processes under Minimum Support Price (MSP) have improved to ensure payment of MSP to farmer's bank account directly and linkage of Aadhaar and Land records with the State's procurement portals ensuring the farmers directly get the benefits of the MSP purchase.

To encourage domestic production, procurement of Tur, Urad and Masur from the pre-registered farmers is undertaken through the Central Nodal Agencies under Mission for Aatmanir bharta in Pulses till 2030-31.

Increased MSP has benefited farmers of the country including farmers of Rajasthan which are evident from data of procurement and MSP amount paid to the farmers. The details of procurement and MSP amount paid to farmers during 2004-2014 and 2014-2026 (upto February 2026) for 22 MSP Crops (14 Kharif crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, 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) are given as under:

<b>2004-2014</b>		<b>2014-2026 (upto February 2026)</b>	
<b>Total Procurement (In LMT)</b>	<b>Total MSP Value (In Lakh Crore)</b>	<b>Total Procurement (In LMT)</b>	<b>Total MSP Value (In Lakh Crore)</b>
6987	7.41	12,292	26.32

## Annexure

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 450 DUE FOR REPLY ON 24.03.2026**

All India weighted cost of production (₹/quintal) and Minimum Support Price (Marketing Season-wise)											
Sr. No.	Commodities	KMS 2021-22		KMS 2022-23		KMS 2023-24		KMS 2024-25		KMS 2025-26	
		All India weighted cost of production	MSP	All India weighted cost of production	MSP	All India weighted cost of production	MSP	All India weighted cost of production	MSP	All India weighted cost of production	MSP
	<b><u>KHARIF CROPS</u></b>										
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	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 Yellow	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 contd.**

<b>All India weighted cost of production (₹/quintal) and Minimum Support Price (Marketing Season-wise)</b>											
	<b>RABI CROPS</b>	<b>RMS 2022-23</b>		<b>RMS 2023-24</b>		<b>RMS 2024-25</b>		<b>RMS 2025-26</b>		<b>RMS 2026-27</b>	
		<b>All India weighted cost of production</b>	<b>MSP</b>	<b>All India weighted cost of production</b>	<b>MSP</b>	<b>All India weighted cost of production</b>	<b>MSP</b>	<b>All India weighted cost of production</b>	<b>MSP</b>	<b>All India weighted cost of production</b>	<b>MSP</b>
15	Wheat	1008	2015	1065	2125	1128	2275	1182	2425	1239	2585
16	Barley	1019	1635	1082	1735	1158	1850	1239	1980	1361	2150
17	Gram	3004	5230	3206	5335	3400	5440	3527	5650	3699	5875
18	Masur	3079	5500	3239	6000	3405	6425	3537	6700	3705	7000
19	Rapeseed & mustard	2523	5050	2670	5450	2855	5650	3011	5950	3210	6200
20	Safflower	3627	5441	3765	5650	3807	5800	3960	5940	4360	6540
	<b>COMMERCIAL CROPS</b>										
		<b>2022-23</b>		<b>2023-24</b>		<b>2024-25</b>		<b>2025-26</b>		<b>2026-27</b>	
21	Jute	2959	4750	3095	5050	3237	5335	3387	5650	3662	5925
			<b>2022</b>		<b>2023</b>		<b>2024</b>		<b>2025</b>		<b>2026</b>
22	Copra (milling)	6974	10590	7153	10860	7350	11160	7721	11582	8018	12027
	Copra (ball)		11000		11750		12000		12100		12500

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

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