

areas/States in order to ensure food security. Presently, APL allocations to States range between 15 to 35 kg. per family per month. Keeping in view the food security requirements of APL category, especially in food deficit and food insecure States and areas and the fact that a food security law is already under consideration, Government are of the view that the present system of allocations for APL category may be continued till the finalization of the proposed law on food security.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### MSP for Jute

1086. SHRI R.C. SINGH:

SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had declared revised Minimum Support Price (MSP) for various agricultural produce in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the MSP for jute is not at all enough to meet even the production cost of raw jutes;

(d) if so, whether Government is considering actively to review the situation and declare a new MSP for Jute;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Government announces Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for certain agricultural commodities. MSPs for the Kharif and Rabi seasons have already been announced. The details are given in Statement (See below).

(c) to (f) Government announces MSP for Raw Jute on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. The CACP while recommending the MSP considers all the relevant factors including cost of production, etc.

The cost of cultivation/production includes all paid out costs, such as, those incurred on account of hired human labour, bullock labour/machine labour (both hired and owned) and rent paid for leased in land besides cash and kind expenses on use of material inputs like seeds, fertilizers, manures, irrigation charges including cost of diesel/electricity for operation of pump sets, etc.

The MSP for Raw Jute for TD-5 variety Ex-Assam for 2010-11 has been fixed at Rs.1575 per quintal as against the all India weighted average cost of production of Rs. 1312 per quintal.

### **Statement**

*Details of Minimum Support Prices (According to Crop Year)*

*(Rs. per quintal)*

Sl.No.	Commodity	Variety	2009-10	2010-11	Absolute increase in MSP 2010-11 over 2009-10	Percentage increase in MSP 2010-11 over 2009-10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Kharif Crops</b>						
1	Paddy	Common	950&	1000	50	5.3
		Grade 'A'	980&	1030	50	5.1
2	Jowar	Hybrid	840	880	40	4.8
		Maldandi	860	900	40	4.7
3	Bajra		840	880	40	4.8
4	Maize		840	880	40	4.8
5	Ragi		915	965	50	5.5
6	Arhar (Tur)		2300	3000†	700	30.4
7	Moong		2760	3170†	410	14.9
8	Urad		2520	2900†	380	15.1
9	Cotton	Medium Staple	2500a	2500a	0	0.0
		Long Staple	3000aa	3000aa	0	0.0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	Groundnut in Shell		2100	2300	200	9.5
11	Sunflower Seed		2215	2350	135	6.1
12	Soyabean	Black	1350	1400	50	3.7
		Yellow	1390	1440	50	3.6
13	Sesamum		2850	2900	50	1.8
14	Nigerseed		2405	2450	45	1.9

#### Rabi Crops

15	Wheat		1100	1120	20	1.8
16	Barley		750	780	30	4.0
17	Gram		1760	2100	340	19.3
18	Masur (Lentil)		1870	2250	380	20.3
19	Rapeseed/Mustard	1830	1850	20	1.1	
20	Safflower		1680	1800	120	7.1
21	Toria		1735			

#### Other Crops

22	Copra	Milling	4450	4450	0	0.0
	(Calendar Year)	Ball	4700	4700	0	0.0
23	De-Husked Coconut (Calendar Year)		1200	1200	0	0.0
24	Jute		1375	1575	200	14.5
25	Sugarcane		129.84*	139.12*†	9.28	7.1

a Staple length (mm) of 24.5 - 25.5 and Micronaire value of 4.3 - 5.1

aa Staple length (mm) of 29.5 - 30.5 and Micronaire value of 3.5 - 4.3

& An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal is payable over the Minimum Support Price (MSP)

• Fair and remunerative price.

\* At 9.5 percent recovery, subject to a premium of Rs.1.46 for every 0.1 percent increase in the recovery above 9.5 percent

† Additional incentive at the rate of Rs 5 per kg of tur, urad and moong sold to procurement agencies is payable during the harvest/arrival period of two months.