

- (iv) Further, Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) provides a suitable platform for converging all activities for inclusive growth of agricultural mechanization by providing a 'single window' approach for implementation with a special focus on small and marginal farmers.
- (v) Government is also using satellite data and GIS Technology for Crop Production Estimation, Horticultural Inventory, Site Suitability Analysis for crop expansion and Drought Assessment.
- (vi) Government is also implementing National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) Scheme for transparent price discovery for remunerative prices for the farmers for their produce through competitive online bidding system. Under Marketing Research and Information Network (MRIN) Scheme, support is provided to the States towards setting up and maintaining connectivity with Agmarknet portal for collection and dissemination of market information on arrivals and prices of agri-commodities.

Support price fixed by Government

1284. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the support price for various crops fixed by Government is lower than their open market sales price, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that farmers are getting higher price than the support price fixed by Government; and
- (c) if so, whether Government is taking any corrective measures to increase the support price for various crops, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) The prices of agricultural produce are determined by supply and demand conditions in the market on a day-to-day basis. Wholesale prices of agricultural produce tend to fall immediately after harvest due

to increase in market arrival of new crops. Government's price policy is to ensure remunerative prices to farmers by offering to procure their produce at minimum support price (MSP). However, farmers are free to sell their produce to the Government procurement agencies at MSP or in the open market whichever is advantageous to them.

The MSP and wholesale prices of major agricultural commodities are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(c) The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at a level of at least one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSPs for all mandated crops with a return of at least 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production for the season 2018-19. Government has recently increased the MSPs for all mandated kharif and rabi crops for 2019-20 season in line with the principle of providing atleast 50 per cent return over all India weighted average cost of production. Details of MSP, cost and percent return over cost from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of MSP and wholesale prices of major agricultural commodities

(₹ per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	MSP 2019	Wholesale Prices	
			Sep-19	Oct-19
1	2	3	4	5
Kharif crops				
1.	Paddy (Common)	1815	1831	1829
2.	Jowar (Hybrid)	2550	2780	2723
3.	Bajra	2000	2139	2024
4.	Maize	1760	2065	2003
5.	Ragi	3150	2847	2810
6.	Arhar (Tur)	5800	5593	5570

1	2	3	4	5
7.	Moong	7050	6253	6466
8.	Urad	5700	5496	5624
9.	Cotton (Medium Staple)	5255	5378	5066
10.	Groundnut in Shell	5090	5586	5478
11.	Sunflower Seed	5650	3525	3486
12.	Soyabean (Yellow)	3710	3874	3594
13.	Sesamum	6485	9858	10081
14.	Nigerseed	5940	4626	4840
Rabi Crops#				
1.	Wheat	1925	2213	2246
2.	Barley	1525	1941	1925
3.	Gram	4875	4643	4721
4.	Masur (Lentil)	4800	4834	4890
5.	Rapeseed and Mustard	4425	4149	4174
6.	Safflower	5215	4282	4719
Other Crops				
1.	Copra (Milling)	9521	11148	10906
2.	Jute	3950	4291	4313

MSP for Rabi Crops for 2019-20 is announced for Rabi Marketing Season 2020-21.

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics.

*Statement-II**Cost*, MSP and Return*

(₹ per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	2017-18			2018-19			2019-20		
		Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Paddy (Common) (Grade A)^	1117	1550	38.8	1166	1750	50.1	1208	1815	50.2
			1590			1770			1835	
2.	Jowar (Hybrid) (Maldandi) ^	1556	1700	9.3	1619	2430	50.1	1698	2550	50.2
			1725			2450			2570	
3.	Bajra	949	1425	50.2	990	1950	97.0	1083	2000	84.7
4.	Maize	1044	1425	36.5	1131	1700	50.3	1171	1760	50.3
5.	Ragi	1861	1900	2.1	1931	2897	50.0	2100	3150	50.0
6.	Arhar (Tur)	3318	5450	64.3	3432	5675	65.4	3636	5800	59.5

7.	Moong	4286	5575	30.1	4650	6975	50.0	4699	7050	50.0
8.	Urad	3265	5400	65.4	3438	5600	62.9	3477	5700	63.9
9.	Cotton (Medium Staple)	3276	4020	22.7	3433	5150	50.0	3501	5255	50.1
	(Long Staple)^		4320			5450			5550	
10.	Groundnut in Shell	3159	4450	40.9	3260	4890	50.0	3394	5090	50.0
11.	Sunflower Seed	3481	4100	17.8	3592	5388	50.0	3767	5650	50.0
12.	Soyabean (Yellow)	2121	3050	43.8	2266	3399	50.0	2473	3710	50.0
13.	Sesamum	4067	5300	30.3	4166	6249	50.0	4322	6485	50.0
14.	Nigerseed	3912	4050	3.5	3918	5877	50.0	3960	5940	50.0
Rabi Crops										
1.	Wheat	817	1735	112.4	866	1840	112.5	923	1925	108.6
2.	Barley	845	1410	66.9	860	1440	67.4	919	1525	65.9
3.	Gram	2461	4400	78.8	2637	4620	75.2	2801	4875	74.0
4.	Masur (Lentil)	2366	4250	79.6	2532	4475	76.7	2727	4800	76.0
5.	Rapeseed/Mustard	2123	4000	88.4	2212	4200	89.9	2323	4425	90.5

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6.	Safflower	3125	4100	31.2	3294	4945	50.1	3470	5215	50.3
	Other Crops									
1.	Copra (Milling)	4758	6500	36.6	5007	7511	50.0	6347	9521	50.0
	(Ball)^		6785			7750			9920	
2.	Jute	2160	3500	62.0	2267	3700	63.2	2535	3950	55.8

* Includes 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.

^ Cost is not separately compiled for Paddy (Grade A), Jowar (Maldandi), Cotton (long staple) and Copra (ball).