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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-641
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/12/2023

MSP OF CROPS

641. SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

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

- (a) Minimum Support Price (MSP) of how many crops has been announced by Government currently and the details of increases in MSP amount since May-2018, crop-wise;
- (b) the details of crops procured under MSP mechanism along with quantities and body through which procurement took place, expenditure incurred, and the distributed quantities, year wise;
- (c) the current formula being used by Government to determine MSP and whether it is in conformity with the recommendation of Swaminathan Committee; and
- (d) whether Government is considering for increasing the number of crops under MSP, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Government fixes minimum support prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/ Departments concerned. The details of MSP announced for mandated Crops for the year since 2018 are given at **Annexure I**.

(b): Government extends price support for paddy and wheat through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies. Under this policy, food grains offered by farmers within the stipulated period & conforming to the specifications prescribed by Government are purchased at MSP by the State Government agencies and FCI for Central Pool and distributed to the eligible beneficiaries under the Public Distribution System (PDS). Additionally, Oilseeds, pulses and copra of Fair

Average Quality (FAQ) are procured from registered farmers under Price Support Scheme under Umbrella Scheme of PM-AASHA, as per its guidelines at MSP in consultation with the concerned State Government as and when market price of these produce fall below the MSP. Cotton and Jute are also procured by Government at MSP through Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and Jute Corporation of India (JCI), respectively. The year wise details of crops procured under MSP mechanism along with quantities, procurement details, expenditure incurred are given at **Annexure II**.

(c) & (d): While recommending MSP, CACP considers important factors like overall demand-supply conditions, cost of production, domestic and international prices, intercrop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, the likely effect on the rest of the economy, besides ensuring rational utilization of land, water and other production resources and a minimum of 50 percent as the margin over cost of production. The inclusion of crops under MSP framework is dependent on several factors which include relatively large shelf life, non- perishable, widely grown, item of mass consumption, essential for food security, among others.

National Commission on Farmers (NCF), constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan in 2004, inter alia, recommended that, “MSP 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 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 all India weighted average cost of production since the year 2018-19.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 641 due for reply on 08.12.2023.

Minimum Support Prices (MSP)

(Rs. per quintal)

(According to crop year)									
Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Percentage increase in MSP 2023-24 over 2018-19
KHARIF CROPS									
1	PADDY	Common	1750	1815	1868	1940	2040	2183	24.74
		Grade 'A'	1770	1835	1888	1960	2060	2203	24.46
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	2430	2550	2620	2738	2970	3180	30.86
		Maldandi	2450	2570	2640	2758	2990	3225	31.63
3	BAJRA		1950	2000	2150	2250	2350	2500	28.21
4	RAGI		2897	3150	3295	3377	3578	3846	32.76
5	MAIZE		1700	1760	1850	1870	1962	2090	22.94
6	TUR (ARHAR)		5675	5800	6000	6300	6600	7000	23.35
7	MOONG		6975	7050	7196	7275	7755	8558	22.70
8	URAD		5600	5700	6000	6300	6600	6950	24.11
9	GROUNDNUT		4890	5090	5275	5550	5850	6377	30.41
10	SUNFLOWER SEED		5388	5650	5885	6015	6400	6760	25.46
11	SOYABEEN (yellow)		3399	3710	3880	3950	4300	4600	35.33
12	SESAMUM		6249	6485	6855	7307	7830	8635	38.18
13	NIGERSEED		5877	5940	6695	6930	7287	7734	31.60
14	COTTON	Medium Staple	5150	5255	5515	5726	6080	6620	28.54
		Long Staple	5450	5550	5825	6025	6380	7020	28.81
RABI CROPS									
15	WHEAT		1840	1925	1975	2015	2125	2275	23.64
16	BARLEY		1440	1525	1600	1635	1735	1850	28.47
17	GRAM		4620	4875	5100	5230	5335	5440	17.75
18	MASUR (LENTIL)		4475	4800	5100	5500	6000	6425	43.58
19	RAPESEED & MUSTARD		4200	4425	4650	5050	5450	5650	34.52
20	SAFFLOWER		4945	5215	5327	5441	5650	5800	17.29
OTHER CROPS									
21	COPRA (Calender Year)	Milling	7511	9521	9960	10335	10590	10860	44.59
		Ball	7750	9920	10300	10600	11000	11750	51.61
22	JUTE		3700	3950	4225	4500	4750	5050	36.49

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 641 due for reply on 08.12.2023.

Table 1: Year wise Details of Procurement of Paddy

KMS 2018-19		KMS 2019-20		KMS 2020-21	
Paddy Procurement (In LMT)	MSP value (Rs. In Crore)	Paddy Procurement (In LMT)	MSP value (Rs. In Crore)	Paddy Procurement (In LMT)	MSP value (Rs. In Crore)
660.11	116838.72	770.932	141465.94	895.66	169099.84
KMS 2021-22		KMS 2022-23		KMS 2023-24	
857.30	168031.12	846.45	174369.01	273.52	60256.77

Source: DFPD

Table 2: Year wise Details of Procurement of wheat

RMS 2018-19		RMS 2019-20		RMS 2020-21	
Actual Procurement (In LMT)	MSP (Rs. In Crore)	Actual Procurement (In LMT)	MSP (Rs. In Crore)	Actual Procurement (In LMT)	MSP (Rs. In Crore)
357.95	62104.50	341.33	62804.44	389.93	75060.65
RMS 2021-22		RMS 2022-23		RMS 2023-24	
433.44	85603.57	187.92	37866.13	262.02	55679.73

Source: DFPD

**Table 3: Procurement details of pulses, oilseeds & copra procured under PSS along with farmers benefited from 2018-19 to 2020-21
(as on 27.11.2023)**

Category/Commodity	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Value (Rs.in lakh)	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Value (Rs.in lakh)	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Value (Rs.in lakh)
	2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2020-21	2020-21
OIL SEED	1829295.44	816651.05	1543187.86	730987.52	295212.34	158516.95
GROUNDNUT	717514.93	350864.80	723085.62	368050.58	286233.33	150988.08
MUSTARD SEED	1088945.26	457357.01	803843.64	355700.81	0.68	0.32
NIGERSEED	15.90	9.34	0	0		
SOYABEAN	19483.02	6622.28	10677.68	3961.42	3.69	1.43
SUNFLOWER SEED	3336.33	1797.61	5267.08	2975.90	3885.72	2286.75
COPRA	0	0	313.84	298.81	5088.92	5240.38
PULSES	1944653.25	1053971.95	2854400.82	1474143.93	817046.85	452867.33
GRAM	776406.21	358699.67	2158434.06	1052236.60	637545.78	325148.35
MASOOR	56237.87	25166.45	1433.68	688.17	18.35	9.36
MOONG	328714.16	229278.13	147130.39	103726.92	167391.20	120454.71
TOOR	291000.87	165142.99	547270.38	317416.82	11004.46	6602.68
URAD	492294.14	275684.72	132.31	75.42	1087.06	652.24

Source: DA&FW

Table 4: Procurement details of pulses, oilseeds & copra procured under PSS along with farmers benefited from 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as on 27.11.2023)

	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Value (Rs.in lakh)	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Value (Rs.in lakh)	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Value (Rs.in lakh)
	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
OIL SEED	151634.73	84261.64	1170656.63	659950.63	130593.70	143940.27
GROUNDNUT	149696.34	83081.47	7194.11	4208.55	3617.21	2306.69
MUSTARD SEED	0	0	1114395.76	607345.69	0	0
SOYABEAN	0	0	0	0	103.90	47.79
SUNFLOWER SEED	1905.44	1146.12	6587.72	4216.14	1620.09	1095.18
SAFFLOWER SEED	0	0	1629.68	920.77	0	0
COPRA	32.95	34.05	40849.36	43259.47	125252.50	140490.60
PULSES	3030956.91	1663569.77	2831401.10	1612872.31	4212.00	3604.63
GRAM	2629460.83	1375208.01	2353114.66	1255386.67	0	0
MASOOR	0	0	76474.57	45884.74	0	0
MOONG	363274.09	264281.90	401775.42	311576.84	4212.00	3604.63
TOOR	36184.14	22796.01	0	0	0	0
URAD	2037.85	1283.85	36.45	24.06	0	0

Source: DA&FW

Table 5: Statement showing procurement of Cotton under MSP operations since 2018-19

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2023-24*
Procurement of Cotton (in lakh Bales)	Procurement of Cotton (in lakh Bales)	Procurement of Cotton (in lakh Bales)	Procurement of Cotton (in lakh Bales)
10.78	124.61	99.33	1.75

Note: During 2021-22, FAQ grade seed cotton prices were ruling much above MSP level and farmers were getting higher prices above MSP. Hence procurement under MSP was NIL.

During 2022-23 also, Prevailing seed cotton prices are ruling 25% to 30% higher above MSP. Hence procurement under MSP so far NIL.

*Position upto 23.11.2023

Table 6: Statement showing procurement of Jute under MSP operations since 2018-19

					In quintals
2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024 as on dated. 30.11.2023
130792.00	178765.00	161474.10	15100.47	560790.70	667961.75

Source: JCI

**Table 7: Details of procurement of Coarse grains as on-22.11.2023
(in Metric Tons)**

KMS	COMMODITY	TOTAL
2018-19	JOWAR	12093
	BAJRA	100891
	MAIZE	12103
	RAGI	94390
	Total	219477
2019-20	JOWAR (Kharif)	7775
	JOWAR (Rabi)	15563
	BAJRA	100076
	MAIZE (Kharif)	44
	MAIZE (Rabi)	115094
	RAGI	193243
	Total	431795
2020-21	JOWAR(Kharif)	128088
	JOWAR(Rabi)	18384
	BAJRA	361871
	MAIZE(Kharif)	198829
	MAIZE(Rabi)	6486
	RAGI	494350
	Total	1208008
2021-22	JOWAR(Kharif)	156575
	JOWAR(Rabi)	0
	BAJRA	13251
	MAIZE(Kharif)	22767
	MAIZE(Rabi)	0
	RAGI	437339
	Total	629931
2022-23	JOWAR	78533
	JOWAR(Rabi)	6664
	BAJRA	125360
	BAJRA(Rabi)	56645
	MAIZE	48
	MAIZE(Rabi)	13074
	RAGI	456745
	Total	737069
