

(b) Yes, Sir. The entrance fee to the historical monuments including Taj Mahal in the country is regulated by an Act of Parliament.

(c) The Archaeological Survey of India has protested against this enhanced levy. The entrance fee to a centrally protected monument can only be charged by the Archaeological Survey of India and the same is 50 paise only.

(d) Yes, Sir. This enhanced levy has been imposed for all those tourists who visit Taj between 6 A.M. to 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. to 7.30 P.M. It will discourage visitors, especially the poor and those who do not have sufficient time to view the Taj between 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

**SUPPORT PRICE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE**

**673. SHRI DILEEPBHAI SANGHANI :**

Will the **MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the support prices of Wheat, Ground-nut and other Rabi crops for the year 1993-94;

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the enhanced support price of the above items would be given to farmers ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM )**

(a) and (b) : The Government have announced the Minimum Support Prices of Rabi Crops of 1993-94 to be marketed in 1994-95 as under :

Commodity	(Rs. per quintal)	
	Minimum support Price	Increase over last season
1. Wheat	350	20
2. Barley	275	15
3. Gram	640	40
4. Rapeseed/Mustard	810	50
5. Safflower	760	40
6. Toria	780	55

2. The Minimum Support Price of Groundnut-in-shell (Kharif crop) has been fixed at Rs. 800 per quintal for 1993-94 marketing season, marking an increase of Rs. 50 per quintal over the last year.

**Agricultural Loans to Gujarat**

**674. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:**  
Will the **MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state :

(c) : The Minimum Support Prices fixed for Rabi crops 1993-94 to be marketed in 1994-95 are applicable w.e.f. 1-4-94. The Minimum Support Prices fixed for Kharif crops 1993-94 are applicable from 1-10-1993.

(a) whether the Government have provided any assistance to Gujarat for providing agricultural loans to farmers in the State during the year 1993-94; and