

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.755
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

PROCUREMENT OF MAIZE AT MSP

755. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed off a plan to procure maize at federally fixed Minimum Support Prices (MSP);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government is looking at corn as the next big commercial crop to bolster energy security in the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the targets, if any, fixed in this regard; and**
- (e) the likely benefits to accrue to farmers of the country through these measures towards increasing their income and productivity?**

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) & (b): As per Guidelines for procurement, allocation, distribution and disposal of coarse grains dated-07.12.2021/28.03.2022/09.08.2023, States may procure Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Barley & Ragi and six minor millets from farmers at Minimum Support Price under central pool subject to the prior approval of Government of India, in consultation with FCI. The whole quantity shall be distributed under PMGKAY (Pradhan MantriGaribKalyan Ann Yojana) in the State/UT.

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(c) & (d): The Government is promoting the production of maize as a major feed stock for grain based ethanol supply under Ethanol Blending programme. Government is also providing assistance under coarse cereals component of National Food Security Mission since 2014-15 for demonstration of improved production technologies, distribution of hybrids/High Yielding Varieties (HYVs), plant & soil protection management etc. for promoting maize cultivation along with improving the average yield of maize.

The Government has also approved a project of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) -Indian Institute of Maize Research (IIMR) titled "Maize research for sustainable ethanol production in India" to increase the production of high yielding maize varieties in catchment area of grain based distilleries.

The Government has also been fixing remunerative prices of ethanol produced from maize. The remunerative price of ethanol from maize for ESY (Ethanol Sale Year) 2022-23 and ESY 2023-24 are as under:

(in ₹ per liter.)

Feed stock/ESY	2022-23 (Dec-Oct)	2023-24 (Nov-Oct)
Maize	66.07*	71.86

*** wef 22 Aug 2023**

(e): These positive initiatives of the Government will not only benefit the farmers by ensuring MSP but also strengthen the co-operative/PACS (Primary Agriculture Co-operative Societies) by providing a line of business, thus increasing the income of farmers and improving agri-economy.
