

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR OILSEEDS AND PULSES

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have decided to offer minimum support price for oilseeds and pulses to enhance their production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India is lagging behind in the production of oilseeds and pulses in comparison to the production of foodgrains; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to enhance the production of oilseeds and pulses?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y.NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government declares Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for oilseeds and pulses every year in order to provide incentive to the farmers to increase production and productivity of these crops.

(b): The MSPs for oilseeds and Pulses fixed by the Government for the last two years i.e.1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are at Annexure-I.

(c): The increase in production of wheat and rice, in recent years, has been higher than that of certain oilseeds and pulses.

(d): Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Projects (NPDP) under Technology Mission on oilseeds and Pulses (TMOP) are being implemented for increasing the production of oilseeds/edible oils and pulses in the country. Financial Assistance under these schemes is provided on various critical inputs like production and distribution of seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhizobium culture and PSB/micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst farmers, frontline demonstration are organized by the ICAR. A new component of crash program for quality seed production of groundnut and soyabean has also been introduced during Ninth Plan. In order to meet the demand of seed, during natural calamities, a seed bank programme has also been introduced during the Ninth Plan.

**ANNEXURE-I**

**MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (According to Crop Year)**

(Rs. Per Quintal)

S.No. Commodity Variety 1999-2000 2000-01

1. Gram - 1015 @

2. Arhar - 1105 1200

3. Moong - 1105 1200

4. Urad - 1105 1200

5. Groundnut-in-shell - 1155 1220

6. Soyabean

Black - 755 845

Yellow - 775 865

7 Sunflower - 1155 1170

8. Sesamumseed - 1205 1300

9. Nigerseed - 915 1025

10. Rapeseed/Mustard - 1100 @

11. Toria - 1065 @

12. Safflowerseed - 1100 @

13. Copra+

Milling - 3100 3325

Ball - 3250 3500

@ For Grams Rapeseeds & Mustard, Safflower seed and Toria the support prices relate to the crop year to be marketed in the subsequent year beginning April.

+ Indicate Calender Year.