

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3366

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INCREASE IN MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have increased the support price of wheat and other commodities recently;

(b) if so, the names of the commodities the support price of which have been increased indicating the extent to which the increase has been made alongwith the basis therefor;

(c) the criteria flowed to arrive at a decision to increase the support price; and

(d) the names of the commodities the support prices of which have been increased during the last five years indicating the extent to which the increase has been made?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): A statement is annexed (Annexure-I) giving details of the increase over time. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been decided based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors which, in the opinion of the Government, are important for fixation of support prices.

(d): The details are given in the statement at Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES

(According to Crop Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

S.No.	Commodity	Variety	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02	(#)	increase	(#)

1.	Paddy	Common	415	440	490	510	530	20	(3.9)	115	(27.7)
		Grade `A`	445	470	520	540	560	20	(3.7)	115	(25.8)

2. Coarse Cereals

(Jowar, Bajra, Ragi & Maize)	360	390	415	445	485	40	(9.0)	125	(34.7)
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3. Wheat	XX	510x	550	580	610	620	10	(1.6)	110	(21.6)
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4. Barley	350	385	430	500	500	150	(49.2)
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5. Gram XX 815 895 1015 1100 1200 100(9.1) 385(47.2)
6. Arhar 900 960 1105 1200 1320 120(10.0) 420(46.7)
- 7 Moong 900 960 1105 1200 1320 120(10.0) 420(46.7)
8. Urad 900 960 1105 1200 1320 120(10.0) 420(46.7)
9. Masur(lentil) XX - - - 1200 1300 100(8.3) 100(8.3)
10. Sugarcane@ 48.45 52.70 56.10 59.50 62.05 2.55(4.3) 13.60(28.1)
11. Cotton F-414/H-777/J34 1330 1440 1575 1625 1675 50(3.1) 345(25.9)
H-4 1530 1650 1775 1825 1875 50(2.7) 345(22.5)
12. Groundnut-in-shell 980 1040 1155 1220 1340 120(9.8) 360(36.7)
13. Jute 570 650 750 785 810 25(3.2) 240(42.1)
14. Rapeseed/Mustard XX 940 1000 1100 1200 1300 100(8.3) 360(38.3)
15. Sunflower Seed 1000 1060 1155 1170 1185 15(1.3) 185(18.5)
16. Soybean Black 670 705 755 775 795 20(2.6) 125(18.7)
Yellow 750 795 845 865 885 20(2.3) 135(18.0)
17. Safflower XX 910 990 1100 1200 1300 100(8.3) 390(42.9)
18. Toria 905 965 1065 1165 260(28.7)
19. Tobacco(VFC)

- (Rs. per kg.) Black Soil (F2 Gr) 20.50 22.50 25.00 26.00 27.00 1(3.8)
6.50(31.7)
Light Soil (L2 Gr) 23.50 25.50 27.00 28.00 29.00 1(3.6)
5.50(23.4)
20. Copra (Calender Year)
Milling 2700 2900 3100 3250 3300 50(1.5) 600(22.2)
Ball 2925 3125 3325 3500 3550 50(1.4) 625(21.4)
21. Sesamum 950 1060 1205 1300 1400 100(7.7) 450(47.4)
22. Nigerseed 800 850 915 1025 1100 75(7.3) 300(37.5)

@ Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level.

x Including a Central Bonus of Rs.55.00 per quintal payable from 01.04.98 to 30.06.98.

The MSP for masur (lentil) has been fixed from the crop year 2000-01.

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.

XX MSP has been increased recently