

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:480  
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2002  
SUPPORT PRICES FOR CASH CROPS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the factors being considered at the time of fixing the minimum support price for any cash crop;
- (b) the minimum support prices fixed for each cash crop such as tea, coffee, tobacco, cashew and rubber for the current year;
- (c) whether there is a demand to increase the minimum support prices of above mentioned crops;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have considered those demands; and
- (f) if so, details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI MURASOLI MARAN )

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 480 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.4 REGARDING SUPPORT PRICES FOR CASH CROPS

(a) to (f): There is no Minimum Support Price for tea, coffee, cashew and rubber. As far as tobacco is concerned the Minimum Support Price for the two grades of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco, L2 and F2, is Rs.29.00 per kg and Rs.27.00 per kg for the year 2001-2002. Price policy for FCV tobacco for the year 2002-2003 is yet to be announced.

The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) recommends the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for tobacco after consulting the tobacco farmers and the Central Tobacco Research Institute. The Government fixes the Minimum Support Price after taking into consideration the recommendation of the CACP and the views of the concerned State Governments. Representations have been received for increase in the MSP for tobacco and will be duly examined by the CACP.