

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:12  
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2006  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of crops at present covered under Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (b) whether National Commission on Farmers have suggested that the MSP should be extended to cover all the crops to provide income security to small farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has examined the recommendations made by the Commission; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 12 DUE FOR REPLY ON 24TH JULY, 2006.

- (a): At present, the following 25 major crops are covered under the Minimum Support Price Scheme:

1. Paddy

2. Jowar

3. Bajra

4. Maize

5. Ragi

6. Arhar (Tur)

7. Moong

8. Urad

9. Cotton

10. Groundnut in shell

11. Sunflower seed

12. Soyabean

13. Sesamum

14. Niger seed

15. Wheat

16. Barley

17. Gram

18. Masoor (Lentil)

19. Rapeseed/mustard

20. Safflower

21. Toria

22. Copra

23. Jute

24. Sugarcane

25. Tobacco (VFC)

(b)&(c): The National Commission on Farmers has, in its Fourth Report, recommended, inter-alia, that the scope of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) programme should be expanded to cover all crops of importance to food and income security for small farmers. It has further recommended that the advice to farmers on crop diversification should be linked to the

assurance of MSP.

(d)&(e): The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration of the Government.