

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REMUNERATIVE PRICES TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether farmers of Jharkhand are not getting remunerative prices for their produce in comparison to the cost involved in it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to provide any package for the farmers of Jharkhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Government's price policy for agricultural commodities seeks to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production, and to safeguard the interest of consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices. The price policy also seeks to evolve a balanced and integrated price structure in the perspective of the overall needs of the economy.

The Government decides on the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for various agricultural commodities taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of State Governments and Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors which are considered important for fixation of support prices. The CACP, while formulating its recommendations on price policy considers a number of important factors which includes cost of production. The MSPs announced by the Government are applicable through the country, including Jharkhand.

(c)to(e): Information is being collected.