

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FIXATION OF MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to regulate price by fixing Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for fruits and vegetables on the lines of foodgrains;
- (b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) There is no proposal to regulate price by fixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for fruits and vegetables on the lines of foodgrains.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Government is implementing the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) under which horticultural and other agricultural crops, which are perishable in nature are covered. In order to protect the growers of these crops from distress sales in the event of bumper crop, MIS is implemented on the request from State Governments which are ready to bear 50% loss (25% in case of North-Eastern States), if any, in its implementation.