

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR SOYABEAN MUSTARD AND BAJRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received from various quarters to raise Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Soyabean, Mustard and Bajra as the present prices announced by the Commission on Agricultural Cost and Prices (CACP) are inadequate; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to increase the prices of these commodities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): Higher Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 2008-09 season, than those recommended by the CACP, had been requested for Soyabean by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, for Bajra by Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and for Mustard by Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), while formulating its recommendations on price policy considers a number of important factors which include cost of production, changes in input prices, input/output price parity, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price parity, effect on industrial cost structure, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living, international market price situation and parity between prices paid and prices received by the farmers.

While fixing the MSPs based on CACP's recommendations, the Government, inter-alia, considers the views of the State Governments on MSPs.