

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SMP FOR CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for cash crops on the line of sugarcane; and
(b) if so, the details thereof crop-wise?

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): No, Madam. The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) is fixed for Sugarcane only. For other cash crops, such as Cotton, Jute, etc., Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) are fixed. The MSPs fixed by the Government for Cotton and Jute for 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as follows:

(Rs. per quintal)

Crop	Variety	2007-08	2008-09
Cotton	Medium Staple	1800	2500
	Long Staple	2030	3000
Jute		1055	1250