

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether support price for 24 agricultural produce, out of the total agricultural produce has been announced and no support price has been announced for the remaining 202 produce;
- (b) if so, the reasons for this anomaly alongwith the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to consider the policy of announcing area specific support price; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The price of any commodity including agricultural produce depends on demand and supply. The Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities each year to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers. The MSPs for Rabi crops of 2010-11 season were announced in October, 2010 and for kharif crops of 2011-12 season in June, 2011.

In addition, Government is implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for agricultural and horticultural commodities not covered under the Price Support Scheme. The MIS is implemented on the request of State/UT Government in order to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop when the prices tends to fall below the cost of production.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal for announcing area specific MSPs.