

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN MSP FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has increased/proposed to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of agricultural produce including paddy/rice, wheat, pulses etc. during the current year/season;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the MSP fixed for each crop;
- (c) whether the hike is much below the percentage recommended by the Commission for Agriculture Costs and Prices; and
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of Kharif crops of 2011-12 season, including paddy and pulses announced in June, 2011 has effected increase in the MSPs of all Kharif crops. Similarly, the MSPs of Rabi crops of 2010-11 season, including wheat, announced in October, 2010 had effected increase in their MSPs.
- (b): A statement indicating the increase in the MSPs of Kharif crops of 2011-12 season over 2010-11 and the increase in the MSPs of Rabi crops of 2010 crops of 2010-11 season over 2009-10 is at Annexure.
- (c) & (d): The increase in the MSPs are as per the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) except in the case of Arhar (Tur) and Moong for which MSPs have been raised by Rs. 100 per quintal over the CACPs recommended MSP. A higher MSP for pulses has been given in order to incentivise the production of pulses in view of the demand-supply gap.