

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PRICING POLICY FOR MINOR FOREST PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of pricing policy currently in practice for the Minor Forest Produce (MFP);
- (b) whether the Government has any proposals to change the pricing policy of MFP;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any assistance given to panchayats for cooperative marketing;
- (e) if so, the details thereof?
- (f) whether the Union Government has a policy for assisting in the competitive pricing and marketing of Major Forest Produce; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

- (a) There is no pricing policy currently in practice for the Minor Forest Produce (MFP) at the Central level.
- (b)&(c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. T. Haque to look into different aspects of Minor Forest Produce management which has recommended for fixation of Minimum Support price for 14 MFPs in its final report.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f)&(g) This Ministry has no specific policy for assisting in the competitive pricing and marketing of Major Forest Produce.