

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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MINOR FOREST PRODUCE

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a mechanism for declaring 'Minimum Support Price' (MSP) for minor forest produce in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it will be benefited to people living in and around the forests?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN):

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. T. Haque to look into different aspects of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) management which has recommended for fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for major MFPs in its final report. To operationalize the MSP for selected MFPs, the Planning Commission has suggested for Central Price Fixation Commission for MFP as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. All primary collectors including tribal and people living in and around the forests involved in the MFP collection will be benefitted.