

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COVERAGE UNDER MSP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the crops covered at present under the Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (b) whether the National Commission on Farmers has suggested that the MSP should be extended to cover all crops of importance in order to provide income security to small farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken to protect both farmers and consumers from price fluctuations?

Answer

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

- (a): At present the following crops are covered under the Minimum Support Price (MSP), namely, Paddy, Wheat, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Barley, Tur (Arhar), Moong, Urad, Gram, Masur (Lentil), Rapeseed/Mustard, Toria, Groundnut, Sunflowerseed, Soyabean, Sesamum, Nigerseed, Safflower, Copra, De-husked Coconut, Tobacco, Cotton, Jute and Sugarcane.
- (b) & (c): The National Commission on Farmers had recommended, inter alia, effective implementation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism across the country, strengthening of Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), improving economic viability of farming by substantially increasing the net income of farmers etc.
- (d): The remunerative price to the farmers are ensured through procurement by central, state and cooperative agencies at MSP. The interest of the consumers is protected by providing subsidized foodgrains and other essential commodities through Public Distribution System (PDS).