

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COMMITTEE ON MSP
Gandhi Shri Dilip Kumar Mansukhlal

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Huda Committee has submitted its report on the MSP of agricultural produce;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations made in the report; and
- (c) the time by which the Government proposes to implement the recommendations contained therein?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Hooda Committee has made a number of recommendations which, inter alia, include provision of credit for agricultural loans at not more than 4 % per annum rate of interest; review of methodology adopted by Commission for Agriculture Cost and Prices (CACP); supported adoption of National Commission on Farmers` recommendation of 50% higher Minimum Support Price (MSP) over the actual cost of production; bridge the horizontal and vertical gaps in yield; expansion of area under boro (winter) rice etc.

The decisions on the recommendations of the Committee are taken by the Government after consultation with the stake holders.