

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3182

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MSP OF MEDICINAL PLANTS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Union Government to fix the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of medicinal plants to encourage farmers to take up cultivation of such plants on a larger scale;

(b) if so, the present status thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to procure the medicinal plants through the Government's Medicinal Plant Farms and Herbal Medicine Corporation Limited if the prices in the open market drop below the MSP; and

(d) if so, the guidelines issued by the Union Government in this regard to the State Governments?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Proposal for fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for medicinal plants is under consideration of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.