

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FUNCTIONING OF CACP  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices (CACP) has its own independent agency to collect data for determining the price of crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the methodology adopted in its functioning?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Commission for Agriculture Costs and Prices (CACP) does not have its own independent agency to collect cost of cultivation data related to the formulation of price policy for crops coming within the purview of Minimum Support Prices. However, CACP recommends Minimum Support Prices of selected commodities based on the estimates prepared using cost accounting method on the basis of cost of production/cultivation data collected from the selected farmers under Central Sector Scheme i.e. `Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India` implemented by the Government. CACP while formulating its recommendations on price policy considers inter alia cost of production, changes in inputs prices, etc.