

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2240  
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PRICE OF CHILLI  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the price of chilli in the domestic market during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the unprecedented fall in the price of chilli in the domestic market affecting the chilli farmers in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide Minimum Support Price for chilli so that the chilli farmers are saved from price fluctuations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES ( DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) & (b): The monthly price of chilli in selected markets in the country during last three years is given at Annexure. Data shows a declining trend in price of chillies in recent months but the level of decline varied from centre to centre.
- (c) & (d): There is no proposal for announcing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for chillies. However the Government is implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for agricultural and horticultural commodities not covered under the Price Support Scheme. The MIS is implemented on the request of State/UT Governments in order to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop when there is a glut in the market and the prices tend to fall below economic levels/ the cost of production.