

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRICE OF MEDICINAL PLANTS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal is under consideration of the Government to fix the price of medicinal plants for encouraging farmers to take up cultivation of such plants on a larger scale;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the aforesaid proposal;
- (c) whether the State Governments have requested the Union Government to procure the medicinal plants through the Government's Medicinal Plant Farms and Herbal Medicine Corporation Limited, if the prices in the open market go below the MSP;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government thereon and the guidelines issued to the State Governments in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which the MSP for medicinal plants is likely to be fixed?

Answer

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

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