

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MSP OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for various major agricultural crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, crop-wise;
- (c) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government to increase the support price of certain crops;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the small and marginal farmers get MSP for their produce?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of major agricultural crops fixed by the Government for 2011-12 season are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): While recommending MSPs for various agricultural commodities the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) holds consultations with different stake holders including state governments. In addition, the Government fixes the MSPs of various crops on the recommendations of the CACP and in consultation with the concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments.

(e): The Government ensures remunerative price for the major agricultural produce through Minimum Support Price (MSP). To encourage Small and Medium farmers, procurement is encouraged through Societies, Self-Help Group and Cooperative Societies who are given commission at the rate of 2% for wheat and 2.5% for paddy procurement.