

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE
Das Shri Khagen

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sent any proposal to the Planning Commission for fixing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for forest produce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Planning Commission thereon;
- (c) whether the Ministry proposes to involve Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) for making real value assessment of the forest produce; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) & (b): On the basis of report of Dr. T. Haque Committee, a proposal for fixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) of 13 important Minor Forest Produce (MFP) is under consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission, Ministry of Environment & Forests and the State Governments etc. A Committee to examine the recommendations of Dr. T. Haque Committee has been constituted under Chairpersonship of Member Secretary, Planning Commission. This Committee has recommended certain steps for operationalization of Minimum Support Price for selected Minor Forest Produce.

(c) to (d): As per the recommendations of Dr. T. Haque Committee, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) is to function as a Technical Support Unit to the proposed Central Price Fixation Commission for Minor Forest Produce. TRIFED could also develop a nationwide information network for speedy collection and dissemination of market information.