

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR VEGETABLES AND FRUITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to fix Minimum Support Price (MSP) for vegetables and fruits;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Under the Minimum Support Price Scheme, those commodities are covered which are mostly items of mass consumption of all India nature with fairly long shelf life and / or necessary for food/nutrition security. The Government implements the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural commodities. In order to protect the growers of horticultural commodities from distress sale in the event of bumper crop, MIS is implemented for a particular commodity on the request of the State Government which is ready to bear 50% loss (25% in case of North-Eastern States), if any, in its implementation.