

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2192
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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF MFP
Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce a Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism for Thirteen items of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) which has already been approved by the Planning Commission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also received any representation from tribal welfare associations and public representatives in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/to be taken by the Government thereon ?

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 constituted by M/o Panchayati Raj to look into aspects of Minimum Support Price, Value addition and marketing of Minor Forest Produce in Fifth Schedule Areas, the matter of introducing a Central Sector Scheme of MSP for MFP is under consideration of this Ministry. The Scheme envisages introduction of MSP for 13 important MFPs. The said MFPs are (i) bamboo (ii) tendu leaves (iii) mahua flowers (iv) mahua seed (v) myrobalan (vi) chironjee (vii) lac (viii) gum karaya (ix) wild honey (x) tamarind (xi) sal seed (xii) sal leaves & (xiii) Karanj seed.

(c) to (e): The stakeholders including a number of State Governments have been consulted by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to take their concerns into account.