

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1400

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IMPLEMENTATION OF SWAMINATHAN COMMISSION REPORT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to implement the Swaminathan Commission Report to link the Minimum Support Price (MSP) with the Wholesale Price Index (WPI);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The National Commission on Farmers recommended that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) should be at least 50% more than the weighted average cost of production. This recommendation, however, has not been accepted by the Government. MSP is recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Cost & Prices (CACP) based on objective criteria and considering variety of relevant factor.