

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BENEFIT ON COST PRICE OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide fifty per cent benefit on the basis of recommendations made by the Swaminathan Commission, on cost price of agriculture produce to the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it 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 Costs & Prices (CACAP) based on objective criteria and considering variety of relevant factors.