

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR TUR DAL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the farmers are not able to sell their Tur dal and other pulses at the Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the Minimum Support Price of Tur dal during each of the last three years along with the procurement price of Tur dal; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide appropriate price to the farmers for pulses?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for the crops covered under MSP including Arhar (Tur) to ensure a minimum return to farmers. However, farmers are free to sell in the open market if it offers a higher price than MSP.

The State Governments have been alerted from time to time to ensure MSP to the farmers.

(c): Procurement is done at MSP. The MSP of Arhar (Tur) from 2009-10 onwards is given below:

(Rs. per quintal)

Year	MSP
2009-10	2300
2010-11	3000#
2011-12	3200#
2012-13	3850

Additional incentive of Rs.500 per quintal was payable for selling to procurement agencies during the harvest/arrival period of two months.

(d): The Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Department to ensure a minimum return to the growers. While formulating its recommendations on price policy, CACP considers a number of important factors which include, inter alia, cost of production, changes in input prices, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living etc.

The Government ensures MSP through procurement operations undertaken by the Central, State and cooperative agencies in the states.