

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:73
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2012
MSP FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria followed by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in arriving at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for agricultural produce in the country;
- (b) whether the Government takes into consideration the rising costs of the agricultural inputs before arriving at the MSP of agricultural produce and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the MSP announced for kharif and rabi crops during the current season in comparison to the corresponding period last year;
- (d) whether the MSP of wheat is likely to be fixed at Rs. 1400/- per quintal this year; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 73 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2012.

(a) & (b) : Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of State Governments and Central Ministries / Departments and other relevant factors. While formulating its recommendations on price policy, CACP considers several factors which include, inter alia, cost of production, changes in input prices, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price parity, changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living, etc.

(c): The MSP fixed by the Government for Kharif and Rabi Crops for 2011-12 & 2012-13 is given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e): MSP for wheat for 2012-13 has not yet been finalised.