

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR WHEAT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the support price for wheat announced by the Union Government is less as compared to the cost of wheat production in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the per quintal cost of wheat production is Rs. 1613 whereas the support price is Rs. 1350 per quintal;
- (c) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (d) the reasons for the gap in the support price and the cost price; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a): No, Madam. Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat announced by the Union Government is higher than the all India weighted average paid out cost of production.
- (b) to (e): The MSP of wheat for 2012-13 Season has been fixed at Rs.1350 per quintal while the all India weighted average paid out cost of production, including family labour, of wheat as estimated by the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) is Rs.716 per quintal.