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MSP FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to extend Minimum Support Price (MSP) facility for fruits and vegetables to ensure that the farmers and growers get remunerative price for their produce; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme, those commodities are covered which are mostly items of mass consumption of all India nature with fairly long shelf life and /or necessary for food/nutrition security. Currently there are no plans to extend MSP for fruits and vegetables. However, the Government implements the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural commodities. In order to protect the growers of horticultural commodities from distress sale in the event of bumper crop, MIS is implemented for a particular commodity on the request of the State Government which is ready to bear 50% loss (25% in case of North-Eastern States), if any, in its implementation.