

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN MSP OF JUTE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received requests from various States including West Bengal to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for procurement of raw jute at least by Rs. 1,500/- per quintal due to rise in the cost of cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government has received representation from Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Shri Nripendra Nath Roy regarding revision of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of raw Jute to Rs.5000 per quintal. Another representation has been received from Shri Nilamani Sen Deka Hon'ble Minister Agriculture, Horticulture & Food Processing and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Assam regarding revision of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of raw Jute to Rs.4000 per quintal.

(c): Government of India fixes the Minimum Support Price for raw jute after taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), which are finalized on the basis of a number of factors including 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 view of the State Governments and Central Ministries; and other relevant factors including representations received from farmers.