

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3097
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MSP OF RED GRAM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers red gram cultivating have sought an increase of 50% in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the current year; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the response of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b): States had demanded a higher Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Arhar (Red gram) in the range of Rs.5000 per quintal to Rs.7010 per quintal for 2013-14 season.

Government has fixed the MSP of Arhar (Red gram) for 2013-14 season at Rs.4300 per quintal.

MSP of Arhar at Rs.4300 per quintal provides adequate return over its all India projected cost of production including family labour (A2+FL) as estimated by the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) at Rs.3090 per quintal.