

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION COST OF OILSEEDS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the cost of production of oilseeds is higher than the production cost of other crops in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure better remunerative price for this crop?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The All-India Weighted Average Cost of Production (C2), as projected by Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), of major crops including oilseeds for the years 2013-14 is given as under:

Crop Cost of Production (C2) for  
the year 2013-14 (in Rs./qtl.)

Wheat 1066.26

Paddy 1234.06

Tur 3957.67

Moong 4758.69

Groundnut 3397.49

Soybean 2215.60

Sunflower 3679.36

Rapeseed & 1987.43

Mustard

(c): With an objective to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce, the Government announces price Policy of Agricultural Commodities including oil-seeds to encourage higher investment and production/productivity and to evolve balanced and integrated price structure in the context of overall needs of the economy while safeguarding the interest of consumers by making available supply at reasonable prices. The Government announces each season Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for major agricultural commodities and organizes purchase operation through public and cooperative agencies. The designated Central Nodal Agency intervene in the market for undertaking procurement operations with the objective that the market prices do not fall below the MSP fixed by the Government.