

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRICING POLICY FOR CROPS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to change the pricing policy of the crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reconsider the MSP for wheat, rice and mustard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The Government fixes the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of different agricultural commodities based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and in consultation with the concerned Departments of the Central Government, State Governments etc. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee to Examine Methodological Issues in Fixing MSP headed by Professor Y.K. Alagh, the Government has revised the Terms of Reference of the CACP. The revised Terms of Reference includes, inter-alia, additional items of cost such as premium actually paid by farmers for crop insurance and marketing & transport charges incurred by farmers.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.