

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the increase in the Minimum Support Prices for various crops during the last three years, year- wise and crop-wise; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

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): A statement indicating the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif and Rabi crops from 2007-08 to 2009-10 is at Annexure.
- (b): The Government fixes the MSP, inter-alia, based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and the views of the concerned State Governments and Central Ministries /Departments as well as other important factors such as cost of production, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price parity, effects on the general price level, international market prices etc. The Government's price policy for agricultural commodities seeks to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production, and to safeguard the interests of the consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices.