

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR VARIOUS MFP
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of estimated number of forest dwellers dependent on Minor Forest Produce (MFP) for their livelihood;
- (b) the details of Minimum Support Price (MSP) determined for various MFP during the last one year and the current year in various States, State/UT-wise including Odisha;
- (c) whether cases where MSP for minor forest produce is determined by traders and not the self sustained process of demand and supply have been reported;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for supporting these forest dwellers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a): As per report of the National Committee on Forest Rights Act, an estimated 100 million people derive their source of livelihood from the collection and marketing of Minor Forest Produce. State/ UT-wise details of gatherers is not available with the Ministry.

(b): The Minimum Support Price for ten identified Minor Forest Produce (MFP) was declared by the Ministry under the scheme Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP which was launched during the year 2013-14 for implementation in the nine States having scheduled areas under the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India, namely Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The details of the MSP fixed uniformly for all the concerned states are as follows:-

S.No	Name of MFP	MSP (Rs. Per Kg.)	2014-15	2015-16
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1	Tamarind	22/-	22/-	
2	Honey	132/-	132/-	
3	Gum Karaya	108/-	108/-	
4	Karanj Seed	21/-	21/-	
5	Sal Seed	10/-	10/-	
6	Mahuwa Seed	22/-	22/-	
7	Sal Leaves	21/-	21/-	
8	Chironjee Pods with seeds	100/-	100/-	
9	Myrobalan	11/-	11/-	
10	Lac			
A	Rangini	210/-	230/-	
B	Kusumi	290/-	320/-	

(c): No such cases have come to the notice of the Ministry.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e): The Ministry implements a Central Sector Scheme Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products/Produce which provides funds to the institutions for sourcing and marketing of tribal products, development of Market Information System/ broadcasting of market prices of MFP and other tribal products, training and skill up-gradation of tribal artisans, craftsmen, MFP gatherers etc., R&D/ IPR activity and development of Supply Chain Infrastructure.