

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR MINFOR FOREST PRODUCE

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments including Karnataka to fix the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) of tribals:

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the follow-up action taken thereon, State/UT-wise;

(c) the funds sanctioned and released and its utilisation reported by State Governments for procurement of Minor Forest Produce at MSP during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether any cold storage, warehousing and other infrastructure facility for MFP have been provided and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether some of the States have still not agreed to do away with the established system of procuring MFP and introducing the new procedure; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): No such proposals have been received from the State Govts. However, under the scheme Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce through Minimum Support Price and development of Value chain for MFP` Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) has been fixed for ten MFP namely Tamarind, Honey, Gum Karaya, Karanj Seed, Sal Seed, Mahuwa Seed,Sal Leaf, Chironjee, Myrobalan, and Lac. The Scheme has been implemented in eight States having Schedule areas as listed in the Fifth Schedule of the constitution of India. MSP declared by the Ministry is as under:-

Sl.No Minor Forest Produce(MFP) Minimum Support Price (MSP)
declared by the Govt. (Rs./Kg).

1. Tamarind	22.00
2. Honey	132.00
3. Gum Karaya	108.00
4. Karanj Seed	21.00
5. Sal Seed	10.00
6. Mahua Seed	22.00
7 Sal Leaves	21.00
8. Chironjee Pods with seeds	100.00
9. Myrobalan	11.00
10. Lac	

A. Rangini	230.00
B. Kusumi	320.00

(c): The Scheme of Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP was launched during the year 2013-14. State-wise details of funds released for utilization as revolving funds for procurement of Minor Forest produce are as under:-

(Rs. In crore)

Sl.No.	State	2013-14	2014-15
		(March-April)	(Jan-15)

1	Odisha	40.00	-
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2	Gujarat	5.00	-
3	Maharashtra	5.00	-
4	Rajasthan	0.20	-
5	Jharkhand (JHAMCOFED), Ranchi	24.15	-
6	Madhya Pradesh	34.89	-
7	Chhattisgarh	-	80.16
8	Jharkhand (JHASCOLAMPF) Ranchi	-	4.25
	Total	109.24	84.41

(d): State-wise details of funds released for cold storage, warehousing and other infrastructure facility for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) are as under:-

(Rs. In crore)

Sl.No.	State	2013-14	2014-15	Purpose
		(March-April)	(Jan-15)	

1	Odisha	-	8.20	Establishment of warehouses, cold stores, modernization of Haats
2	Maharashtra	3.25	-	Modernization of Hatts, establishment of warehouses
3	Jharkhand (JHASCOLAMPF) Ranchi	-	0.39	Establishment of Mini Lac Processing units
	Total	3.25	8.59	

(e) & (f): The scheme provides for non-nationalization of MFP by the State concerned, so that the collectors of MFP are free to sell the MFP in open market if the market price is more than the MSP declared. States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are still continuing with the practice of nationalization of MFP. Therefore, the scheme has not been implemented in these two States.