

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MSP for Agricultural Produce

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) is considering to impose Minimum Support Price (MSP) for several agricultural produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the produce covered thereunder; and

(c) the details of the benefits likely to be accrued therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Government has fixed Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for crops covered under MSP for 2015-16. Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops for 2015-16 is at Annexure.

The objective of the Government's price policy is to ensure remunerative prices to farmers by offering to procure their produce at MSP. However, farmers are free to sell their produce to Government procurement agencies or in the open market as is advantageous to them.