

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE TO FARMERS
Thota Shri Narasimham

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a charter of demand from the representatives of farmers' organisations regarding minimum income guarantee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c): Representations have been received from time to time from various farmers' organizations requesting for increase in Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops

Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), Ministries/ departments and other relevant factors.

Government offers procurement at Minimum Support Price (MSP). However, farmers are free to sell in the open market if the market offers higher price than MSP.