

**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 is considering to announce minimum support price for various crops including Guar, Moth, Rice, Cumin seeds, Corriander seeds, Garlic, Isabgol, Arandi, Gawarpatha and Mehandi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same will be announced; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 22 crops which include Rice (Paddy), Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Arhar, Moong, Urad, Cotton, Groundnut, Sunflower, Soyabean, Sesamum, Nigerseed, Wheat, Barley, Gram, Lentil (Masur), Rapeseed and Mustard, Safflower, Copra, Jute and Fair Remunerative Price (FRP) for Sugarcane based on the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and consultation with the States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments.

MSP is announced for those agricultural crops which are widely grown, have large area under cultivation, are items of mass consumption with fairly long shelf life and are necessary for maintaining food security. The crops like Guar, Moth, Cumin seeds, Coriander seeds, Garlic, Isabgol, Arandi, Gawarpatha and Mehandi do not meet the criteria stated above for inclusion under MSP.
