

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR JUTE AND RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the minimum support price of Jute has been finalized by the Union Government for the year 2014-15;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that due to lack of proper monitoring and vigilance, the farmers are deprived of Government policy of MSP;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to procure entire jute production through Jute Corporation of India to give actual benefits of MSP to the farmers, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Government of India has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of TD-5 variety for Raw Jute at Rs.2400 per quintal for 2014-15 season.

(c) to (e): Minimum Support Price (MSP) is in the nature of a minimum price for the farmers offered by the Government for their produce in case the market prices fall below that level. If the market offers higher price than the MSP, the farmers are free to sell their produce at market price. Procurement under MSP is undertaken by the designated central agencies and State Governments.

MSP operations are monitored by the Government. Directives are issued to the Procurement Agencies to keep track of market prices of Jute. In the event of market prices falling below the MSP level, the procurement machineries are pressed into operation to procure the quantities of Jute offered by farmers to ensure that farmers get MSP.

Jute Corporation of India (JCI) is the price support agency of the Government of India for Jute. JCI purchases Raw Jute at MSP through its 171 Departmental Purchase Centres (DPCs). JCI also purchases the Raw Jute procured at about 40 centres operated by Cooperatives.