

Title: Requested the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution to fix the minimum support price of Wheat.

SHRI J.S. BRAR (FARIDKOT): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I want to rise a very important matter of national importance. The minimum support price for wheat has not been announced upto now and there is an apprehension among the farming community all over the country that this price of wheat is being decreased. Sir, you yourself are a champion of the down-trodden and *kisans* of the country. Sir, as you are aware, the prices of diesel, fertilisers, agricultural inputs and pesticides have increased manifold.

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, who is sitting here, that he should assure the House that the minimum support price will be fixed shortly, in a day or two, because the harvest season is going to begin in a month. The minimum support price of wheat, keeping in view the calculations of the various universities of the country, comes up to Rs. 750 per quintal.

I want to remind this Government that their partners, like Shri Prakash Singh Badal who is the Chief Minister of Punjab and Shri Chautala, have already met the Prime Minister in this regard. So, the minimum support price of wheat should be fixed at Rs. 750 per quintal to compensate the farmers and the purchase of wheat should also not be like that of paddy as farmers suffered a heavy loss during this season.

Thank you. ...(*Interruptions*) Is there any response from the Government? ...(*Interruptions*)