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Title: Made a statement regarding price policy for rabi crops of 1998-99 to be marketed in 1999-2000.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to make a statement with your permission regarding the price policy for Rabi crops for the year 1998-99 to be marketed in 1999-2000.

The Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat of Fair Average Quality at Rs.550 per quintal for the crop of 1998-99 to be marketed in 1999-2000 season, marking an increase of Rs.95 per quintal over the MSP of last year which was Rs.455 per quintal. The increase would, however, be Rs.40 only when compared with the effective procurement price of Rs.510, i.e., Rs.455 MSP + Rs.55 bonus, paid last year per quintal. The MSP fixed is also higher compared to Rs.490 recommended by the Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices.

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, this has already come in the newspapers. What is the point in making a statement now?

SHRI SOMPAL: No, this has not come in the newspapers. ...(Interruptions) I would like to correct, this has not come. ...(Interruptions) Mr. Chairman, Sir, I repeat that this has not come in the newspapers.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : What has come out then?

SHRI SOMPAL: Please Achariaji, you are a very senior Member. I never interfere when others speak. It is an important factual statement on policy.

Sir, the MSP of Barley of Fair Average Quality has been fixed at Rs.385 per quintal which marks an increase of Rs.35 per quintal over the price of Rs.350 per quintal fixed for 1998-99 marketing season.

The MSP of Gram of Fair Average Quality at Rs.895 per quintal marks an increase of Rs.80 per quintal over the previous year's price of Rs.815 per quintal.

The MSP of Rapeseed and Mustard has been raised by Rs.60 per quintal over the previous year's price and fixed at Rs.1000 per quintal.

The MSP of Safflower has been fixed at Rs.990 per quintal which is higher by Rs.80 per quintal over the price of Rs.910 fixed for the previous marketing season.

It is expected that these MSPs will provide sufficient inducement to the farmers for raising production and productivity of these crops.

... (Interruptions)

सभापति महोदय : अब रेल मंत्री रेल दुर्घटना के बारे में जानकारी दें।

... (Interruptions)

AN HON. MEMBER: What about the issue price?... (Interruptions)

SHRI KONIJETI ROSAIAH (NARASARAOPET): What has happened to paddy and groundnut? The hon. Minister may say something about the paddy also.

SHRI SOMPAL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, this is the announcement of the policy for rabi crop. Paddy is a kharif crop.

SHRI KONIJETI ROSAIAH : Sir, I want to make one submission that paddy also is grown during the rabi season. It is not only kharif.. (Interruptions)...

सभापति महोदय : इसमें किसी सबमिशन की जरूरत नहीं है।

SHRI KONIJETI ROSAIAH : Sir, let the Minister hear me. He is talking to somebody else. I am only asking for an additional information about paddy.... (Interruptions)... Sir, the Minister for Agriculture may kindly listen to our submissions.

सभापति महोदय : माननीय मंत्री जी का बयान हो चुका है, अब आप कौनसा सवाल उठा रहे हैं?

SHRI B.M. MENSINKAI : What about jawar?...(Interruptions)

सभापति महोदय : जो सूचना मंत्री जी के पास थी, वह उन्होंने दे दी है, आप कृपा करके आसन ग्रहण कीजिए।

SHRI B.M. MENSINKAI (DHARWARD SOUTH): What about jawar?

सभापति महोदय : ज्वार के संबंध में सुन लीजिए।

... (व्यवधान)

श्री राजेश पायलट : माननीय मंत्री जी या बताएं कि जो एम.एस.पी एनाऊंस की है वह पुराने फार्मूले से की है?

We have pleaded that this formula of the Planning Commission should be modified.

वह मोडिफाईड फार्मूले से की है या पुराने फार्मूले से की है? हमने जो इनपुट का सजेशन दिया था, उसके हिसाब से की या पुराने फार्मूले से की है?

सभापति महोदय : हिसाब जोड़कर आप देख लीजिए।

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): सभापति जी, जो मूल्यों की घोषणा होती है वह प्लानिंग कमीशन के फार्मूले से नहीं होती जो कृषि लागत एवं मूल्य आयोग का फार्मूला और उसकी संस्तुति है उसके हिसाब से की जाती है। इसमें मैंने यह कहा है कि अभी तक का जो संशोधित फार्मूला है जिसमें मैनेजीरियल प्रोफिट १० परसेंट सी-३ कीमत के हिसाब से लिया जाता है और वह भी ४९० था उसके मुकाबले में ५५० किया है।

SHRI KONIJETI ROSAIAH : Sir, paddy is also grown twice a year. It is not only a kharif crop. It is also a rabi crop... (Interruptions)

सभापति महोदय : मंत्री जी उस पर कुछ कहना नहीं चाहते हैं। वे रबी क्रॉप के बारे में कह रहे हैं और ये पैडी क्रॉप के बारे में पूछ रहे हैं। सारे सवाल उस पर नहीं उठ सकते हैं जिन पर माननीय मंत्री जी ने वक्तव्य दिया है। इस सदन में कानून के हिसाब से उस पर अब कोई गुंजायश नहीं है।

SHRI KONIJETI ROSAIAH : Sir, I think, the hon. Minister is trying to avoid to reply... (Interruptions)

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU : The hon. Chairman is a former Minister. He knows everything. That is why he is not allowing ... (Interruptions)

SHRI KONIJETI ROSAIAH : Sir, I know, when you sit here, how you elicit information...(Interruptions)

सभापति महोदय : आपने जो सवाल उठाया है, माननीय मंत्री जी उस पर कुछ कहना नहीं चाहते हैं। इसलिए आप सदन का समय नष्ट न कीजिए।