

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1754
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2003
MSP OF OIL SEEDS/PULSES
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal to increase the Minimum Support Price of oilseeds and pulses is under the consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement the proposals alongwith the time likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SREENVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b)&(c): The Government has fixed the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for major kharif crops, including oilseeds and pulses of 2003-04 season. MSP for kharif oilseeds, namely, groundnut (in shell), sunflower seed, soyabean (black) and soyabean (yellow) have increased by Rs.45/- per quintal, Rs.55/- per quintal, Rs.45/- per quintal and Rs.45/- per quintal respectively in 2003-04 over 2002-03. MSP for pulses, namely, arhar(tur), moong and urad have also increased each by Rs.40/- per quintal in 2003-04 over 2002-03.