

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR RABI

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced the new Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Rabi season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, crop-wise; and
- (c) the criteria fixed for fixing the MSP rates?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government has announced the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 2005-06 Rabi season on 29th September, 2005.

(b): The Minimum Support Price for the Rabi Crops of 2005-06 season have been fixed as follow:

(Rs. per quintal)

Commodity Minimum Support Price

Wheat	650
Barley	550
Gram	1435
Masur (Lentil)	1535
Rapeseed/Mustard	1715
Safflower	1565
Toria	1680

(c): The Government decides on the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for various agricultural commodities taking into account the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of State Governments and concerned Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors, which in the opinion of the Government, are important for fixation of MSPs. While recommending MSP, the CACP analyses the cost of cultivation/production, trends and spread of input use, production and productivity of the crop concerned, domestic and global market prices, inter-crop price parity, supply-demand situation, procurement and distribution and terms of trade between agriculture and non-agriculture sector, etc.