

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR WHEAT AND PULSES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to substantially increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat and pulses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The Government has announced/fixe d the Minimum Support Prices of rabi crops, including wheat, gram and masur (lentil), for 2007-08 season on 9th October, 2007, while the MSPs of kharif crops, including arhar (tur), moong and urad, of 2007-08 season were announced/fixe d on 17th May 2007. The MSPs of wheat and pulses for 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given in the table below:

(Rs.per quintal)
Crop 2006-07 2007-08

Wheat	750#	1000
Gram	1445	1600
Masur (Lentil)	1545	1700
Arhar (Tur)	1410	1550\$
Moong	1520	1700\$
Urad	1520	1700\$

n additional incentive bonus of Rs.100 per quintal was payable over and above the MSP.

\$ A bonus of Rs.40 per quintal is payable over and above the MSP.