

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4088**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

**CROPS COVERED UNDER MSP**

4088. SHRI SUNIL JAKHAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE **†ãöŠãäÓã** एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè be pleased to state:

- the number of crops covered under the MSP but sold below the MSP since May, 2014;
- the details of the crops which were sold below MSP since May, 2014; and
- the details of the estimated financial loss to farmers due to non-procurement of crops covered under MSP across the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**†ãöŠãäÓã** एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããÈã¼ã ½ãñâ Äã¾ã ½ãâ¨ããè (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): Government fixes Minimum Support prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops viz. Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Arhar, Moong, Urad, Groundnut-in-shell, Soyabean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Nigerseed, Cotton, Wheat, Barley, Gram, Masur (Lentil), Rapeseed / Mustard, Safflower, Jute and Copra and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for Sugarcane on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), considering the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors. In addition, MSP for Toria and De-Husked coconut is also fixed on the basis of MSPs of Rapeseed / Mustard and Copra respectively.

The prices of agricultural produce are determined by supply and demand conditions in the market on a day to day basis. The prices of Agricultural produce tend to fall after the harvest season due to increase in market arrival of new crop in a lumpy manner. The MSPs and all India average monthly wholesale prices of major agricultural commodities are given at Annexure. The wholesale prices of Kardiseed and Sunflower seed have remained below MSP during 2014-15 to 2017-18.

(c): The Government offers to procure agricultural commodities at the MSPs through various governmental agencies such as Food Corporation of India (FCI), Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), Jute Corporation of India (JCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) etc. The Government implements Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of oil seeds, pulses and cotton through these Central Nodal Agencies at the MSP declared. The PSS is implemented at the request of the concerned state government which agrees to exempt the procured commodities from levy of mandi tax and other state duties and assist central nodal agencies in logistic arrangements including gunny bags, provide working capital for state agencies, creation of revolving fund for PSS operations etc., as required under the Scheme guidelines. The basic objectives of PSS are to provide remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production and to safeguard the interest of consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices with low cost of intermediation.

The details of loss of farmers on account of sales below MSP has not been estimated and made available to the Central Government.

**ANNEXURE**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4088 due for answer on 20.03.2018

Minimum Support Prices (MSP) and All India Average Annual Wholesale Prices of Major Agricultural Commodities

Rs/Quintal

Commodities	2014-15 (Crop Year)	2014-15	2015-16 (Crop Year)	2015-16	2016-17 (Crop Year)	2016-17	2017-18 (Crop Year)	2017-18
			MSP	Prices	MSP	Prices	MSP	Prices
<b>Paddy (Common)</b>	1360	1607	1410	1521	1470	1631	1550	1695
<b>Bajra</b>	1250	1430	1275	1525	1330	1749	1425	1557
<b>Barley</b>	1150	1416	1225	1500	1325	1734	1410	1558
<b>Gram</b>	3175	3398	3500**	4784	4000^	7490	4400@	5577
<b>Jowar (Hybrid)</b>	1530	2035	1570	1965	1625	2088	1700	2149
<b>Maize</b>	1310	1314	1325	1425	1365	1589	1425	1521
<b>Ragi</b>	1550	1970	1650	1970	1725	2505	1900	2875
<b>Wheat</b>	1450	1678	1525	1793	1625	1985	1735	1924
<b>Arhar Whole</b>	4350	4657	4625^	7570	5050^^	6818	5450^	4371
<b>Masur Whole</b>	3075	5394	3400**	6713	3950@	6277	4250*	4456
<b>Moong Whole</b>	4600	6882	4850^	7718	5225^^	6295	5575^	5286
<b>Urad Whole</b>	4350	5331	4625^	8764	5000^^	9310	5400^	5787
<b>Groundnut</b>	4000	4048	4030	4909	4220*	5243	4450^	4564
<b>Copra</b>	5250	10592	5830	8470	6240	6681	6785	10918
<b>Kardiseed</b>	3050	2470	3300	2423	3700*	2589	4100*	3143
<b>Mustard Seed</b>	3100	3693	3350	4202	3700*	4306	4000*	3994
<b>Nigerseed</b>	3600	3678	3650	6255	3825*	5874	4050*	5664
<b>Sesamum Seed</b>	4600	9665	4700	8373	5000^	7682	5300*	7378
<b>Soyabean</b>	2560	3375	2600	3418	2775*	3234	3050^	3100
<b>Sunflower Seed</b>	3750	3281	3800	3378	3950*	3270	4100*	2934
<b>Cotton (Medium Staple)</b>	3750	4155	3800	4204	3860	5084	4020	4719
<b>Jute Raw</b>	2400	2873	2700	4067	3200	4445	3500	3449

\* Including Bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal.

\*\* Including Bonus of Rs. 75 per quintal .

^ Including Bonus of Rs. 200 per quintal.

^^ Including Bonus of Rs. 425 per quintal.

@ Including Bonus of Rs. 150 per quintal

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