

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding fixation of Minimum Support Price.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE (BARAMATI): The MSP approved by the Centre is way lower than those recommended by the Maharashtra State Government in 2017-18 and 2018-19. For example, MSP for long staple cotton approved by the Centre for 2018-19 is Rs. 5450 per quintal compared to the State recommended price of Rs. 7272 per quintal. Procurement for this low cotton MSP has been delayed in Maharashtra. In case of green gram and Urad, procurement in September & October 2018 at MSP through APMCs was yet to begin, because of which the farmers made distress sales at spot price. In these two months alone, moong dal farmers in Maharashtra suffered loss of Rs. 6.9 crore, and urad farmers Rs. 6.2 crore. Hence, I urge the Centre to determine MSP using more comprehensive C2 formula and increase the procurement of foodgrains without delay, as recommended by MS Swaminathan Committee.