

File No. 9-5/2019-FES-ES
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare)
Directorate of Economics and Statistics
(FE Division)

Room No. 450, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

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Subject: - Application under Right to Information Act, 2005 received vide Registration No. **DOEAS/R/T/21/00002 dated 07/01/2021.**

Dear Sir,


I am directed to refer to your RTI letter dated 07/01/2021 seeking information under RTI Act 2005. Information concerning this Division regarding Minimum Support Price (MSP) is as under:

Government has been implementing MSP since 1964-65. Currently, the Government announces Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for twenty two (22) mandated crops based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and the other relevant factors. The 22 mandated crops include 14 Kharif crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur(arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, soybean (yellow), sunflower seed, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton and 6 Rabi crops viz. wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed and mustard, safflower and two commercial crops viz. jute and copra. In addition to that, MSP for toria and de-husked coconut are also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed & mustard and copra respectively. Commodities included under MSP over the period since inception of the MSP scheme is given at **annexure**.

Fixation of MSP is a matter of Government Policy and is not done under any Act passed by the Government. However, it offers to procure agricultural crops through designated procurement agencies and farmers have the option to sell their produce to the government agencies or in the open market as is advantageous to them. The objective of the MSP is to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production and also to safeguard the interest of consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices.

The details of Appellate Authority for making appeal, if any, against the reply is Shri P . Sangeeth Kumar, Adviser & Appellate Authority, Room No 445A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi (Ph. No 011-23382236).

Yours faithfully


15/01/21
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1. **Shri Rameshwar Singh, CPIO** F wing Room No 119, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. **RTI Cell, DAC&FW**, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Commodities included/added under MSP over the period

Year	Crops added
1964-65	Paddy
1965-66	Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Wheat
1973-74	Jute
1975-76	Barley, Gram, Cotton
1976-77	Groundnut, Sunflower
1977-78	Rapeseed/mustard, soyabean
1978-79	Tobacco* and Pulses(arhar, moong)
1979-80	Urad
1986-87	Safflower
1995-96	Sesamum, Nigerseed
1989-90	Copra
2000-01	Masur(Lentil)
2008-09	Present 22 crops

*up to 2007-08