

F. 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

Dated: 6th May,
2020

Shri Ramchandra Yadav

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District- Madhubani
Bihar:- 847108
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Subject:-Application under Right to Information Act, 2005 received vide Registration No.

DOEAS/R/T/20/00024 dated 09/03/2020.

Dear Sir,


I am directed to refer to your RTI letter dated 9th March, 2020 seeking information under RTI Act 2005. Information on point no. 1 and 2 regarding provision of law for the Minimum Support Price and right of the farmer to the MSP concerning this Division is given as under:

Government fixes minimum support prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops (14 kharif crops, 6 rabi crops and 2 other commercial crops) viz. Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Arhar(tur), Moong, Urad, Groundnut, Soyabean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Nigerseed, Cotton, Wheat, Barley, Gram, Masur (lentil), Rapeseed and Mustard, Safflower, Jute and copra. and fair and remunerative price (FRP) for sugarcane on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. In addition to that, MSP for toria and de-husked coconut is also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed and mustard and copra respectively.

The Government's price policy for agricultural commodities seeks to ensure 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. However, farmers have the option to sell their produce to the government agencies or in the open market whichever is advantageous to them. The fixation of MSP is a matter of Government Policy and not done under any Act passed by the Govt. of India.

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


(Swati Singla) 6/5/2020
Asstt. Eco. Adviser
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