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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/20/00046 dated 08/06/2020.**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your RTI letter dated 08.06.2020 seeking information under RTI Act 2005 for various issues. In this regard, it is stated that the information sought under Point No. 1 on Minimum Support Price (MSPs) of maize (makka) for 2019-20 and 2020-21 relates to FE Division of this Directorate. The information is as under.


Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of 22 mandated agricultural crops (14 kharif crops, 6 rabi crops and 2 other commercial crops) including maize (makka) on the basis of recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned & 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.

While recommending MSPs, CACP considers important factors like cost of production, overall demand-supply conditions, domestic and international prices, inter-crop price, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, the likely effect on the rest of the economy, besides ensuring rational utilization of land, water and other production resources and a minimum of 50 percent as the margin over cost of production in case of MSPs.

The Government has increased the MSP of Maize and fixed at Rs 1760/- per quintal for 2019-20 season and Rs 1850/- per quintal for 2020-21 season. The MSP fixed by Government for maize provides 50% and 53% return for 2019-20 and 2020-21 season respectively over the CACP's estimated all India weighted average cost of production including family labour.

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


18/6/2020

(Swati Singla)

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