

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

Room No. 450, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 21 May, 2019

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Subject:-Application under Right to Information Act, 2005 received vide Registration No. **DOEAS/R/2019/80054 dated 14/05/2019.**

Dear Sir,

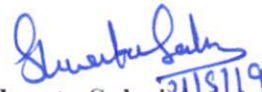
I am directed to refer to your RTI letter dated 14.05.2019 seeking information under RTI Act 2005 regarding announcement MSP of agricultural crops. In so far as this Directorate is concerned the information is given as follows:

Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of 22 mandated agricultural crops and fair and remunerative price for sugarcane on the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned & other relevant factors. Cost of production which includes all paid out cost and depreciation of farm building & machinery and imputed value of wages of family labour is one of the major factors considered by the CACP, while formulating its recommendations on price policy. Besides cost of production, CACP considers a number of important factors which include demand and supply, cost of production, price trend in the market both domestic and international, terms of trade between agriculture and non-agriculture and likely implications of MSP on consumer of that product etc .

Government has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of all kharif and Rabi crops for 2018-19 Season. This decision of the Government was also a historic one as it redeemed the promise of fixing the MSPs atleast at a level of 50 per cent return over cost of production. It fulfills the commitment to the farmers to provide 50 per cent return over cost of production for the first time and steadily moving towards increasing farmers income.

As per existing policy, Government announces MSPs of mandated agricultural crops well in advance before the sowing of Kharif and Rabi season in order to provide farmers an opportunity to choose the crop for cultivation.

The details of Appellate Authority for making appeal, if any, against the reply is Dr R.Sathish, Adviser, Room No 443A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi (Ph. No 011-23382244, email sathish@nic.in).


(Shweta Sahni)
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- 2. RTI Cell, DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**
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