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Government of India
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/20/00147 dated 08/12/2020.**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your RTI letter dated 08.12.2020 seeking information under RTI Act 2005. Partial information concerning this Division on Minimum Support Price (MSP) is as under:

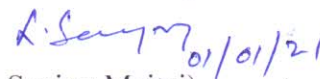
The Government announces Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for twenty two (22) mandated crops based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and the other relevant factors. 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.

The objective of the Government's price policy is to ensure remunerative prices to farmers by offering to procure their produce at MSP. However, farmers are free to sell their produce to the government procurement agencies at MSP or in the open market, whichever is advantageous to them.

On 21st September, 2020, the Government had announced the MSPs for all mandated Rabi crops for marketing season 2021-22 which is in line with the principle of fixing the MSPs at a level of at least 1.5 times of the All-India weighted average Cost of Production as announced in Union Budget 2018-19.

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


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