

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MSP for sugarcane

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :-

(a) whether many State Governments do not announce the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for sugarcane growers as per the recommendations made by the Central Price Fixation Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been a demand for uniform MSP for sugarcane throughout the country;

(d) whether Government has any plan for MSP for sugarcane growers to be decided by the farmers themselves; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The Central Government fixes the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and after consultations with State Governments and other stakeholders. The FRP is the benchmark price below which no sugar mill can purchase cane from sugarcane farmers. However, some of the State Governments viz. Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu announces State Advised Price (SAP) which is generally higher than the FRP.

(c): The FRP fixed by the Central Government is uniformly applicable throughout the country which is linked to the recovery rate.

(d): No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

(e): Does not arise.
