



Indian government hikes kharif crops support price by 1-13%

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Farmers will receive ₹2-lakh crore from the new minimum support prices



Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at a press conference on Cabinet briefing, in New Delhi, on Wednesday | Photo Credit: -

The Centre has announced the raised the minimum support prices (MSPs) of kharif crops between 1.4 per cent and 12.7 per cent. The MSP of the current kharif season's main cereal crop paddy has been hiked 5.4 per cent to ₹2,300 per quintal from ₹2,183/quintal in 2023-24.

New kharif MSP

	2023-24	2024-25	(₹/quintal) % Change
Paddy (Common)	2,183	2,300	5.4
Jowar-Hybrid	3,180	3,371	6.0
Bajra	2,500	2,625	5.0
Maize	2,090	2,225	6.5
Ragi	3,846	4,290	11.5
Tur(Arhar)	7,000	7,550	7.9
Moong	8,558	8,682	1.4
Urad	6,950	7,400	6.5
Groundnut	6,377	6,783	6.4
Sunflower Seed	6,760	7,280	7.7
Soyabean	4,600	4,892	6.3
Sesamum	8,635	9,267	7.3
Nigerseed	7,734	8,717	12.7
Cotton (Long)	7,020	7,521	7.1

Source: CACP

Briefing media after the Cabinet approved the MSP on Wednesday, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said farmers will receive ₹2-lakh crore from the new MSPs announced and it is ₹35,000 crore more than the previous year.

The minister said the new MSPs have been fixed as per the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

Highest Increase

According to the Cabinet decision, the highest absolute increase in MSP over the previous year is on nigerseed by ₹983/quintal and the lowest ₹117/quintal in paddy. Experts said the lowest hike in paddy among all crops could be due to an estimated 18 million tonnes of surplus rice stock with the government during 2024-25.

The maximum hike has been made in the case of nigerseed to ₹8,717/quintal from ₹7,734, up by 12.7 per cent while the lowest raise of 1.4 per cent seen in moong to ₹8,682/quintal from ₹8,558.

The MSP for 'A' grade variety of paddy has been hiked to ₹2,320 per quintal from ₹2,2031 for the current kharif season. As much as 85 per cent of the paddy procured by the government is of Grade A variety.

Among other crops, the MSP of jowar (hybrid) has been fixed at ₹3,371/quintal, that of Bajra at ₹2,625/quintal, maize at ₹2,225/quintal, ragi ₹4,290/quintal, tur (Arhar) ₹7,550/quintal, urad ₹7,400/quintal, groundnut ₹6,783/quintal, sunflower seed ₹7,280/quintal, soyabean ₹4,892/quintal, sesamum ₹9,267/quintal and cotton (Long staple) ₹7,521/quintal.

Vaishnav said the government has been following the 2018 policy decision which stipulated that MSP should be at least 50 per cent more than the cost of production.

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