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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

Dated: 23 Oct 2020

Shri Ajit Choudhury, At/PO- Dhudipali, Police Station:- Kuchinda, District:- Sambalpur, Odisha: 768222,

Subject:- Application under Right to Information Act, 2005 received vide Registration No. DOEAS/R/T/20/00110 dated 24/09/2020.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your RTI letter dated 24.09.2020 seeking information under RTI Act 2005. Partial information concerning this Division on list of items for which Minimum Support Price is applicable 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) 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. 14 Kharif crops include Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Ragi, Maize, Arhar, Moong, Urad, Groundnut, Sunflower Seed, Soyabean(yellow), Sesamum, Nigerseed and Cotton; 6 rabi crops include Wheat, Barley, Gram, Masur, Rapeseed & Mustard and Safflower; and 2 commercial crops include 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. While recommending MSPs, the CACP considers a number of important factors likes cost of production, overall demand-supply conditions, domestic and international prices, inter crop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non agricultural sectors, the likely implications of MSP on consumers of that product and a minimum of 50 percent as the margin over cost of production etc.

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.

Asstt. Economic Adviser

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- 2. RTI Cell, DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.