F. No. 9-5/2023-FES-ES Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Economics, Statistics & Evaluation Division (Food Economics Section)

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Subject::-: RTI Application of Shri Atmakuri Lakshmi Prasanna, Registration No. DOEAS/R/T/23/00119 dated 21/07/2023

Sir.

The undersigned is directed to refer to your RTI application dated 21.07.2023 on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, information pertaining to Food Economics Section i.e. about Minimum Support Price (MSP) of agricultural produces is given as under:

Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned. The 22 mandated crops include 14 Kharif crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur (arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton and 6 Rabi crops viz. wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed & mustard, safflower and two commercial crops viz. jute and copra. In addition, MSP for toria and de-husked coconut are also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed & mustard and copra respectively.

The inclusion of crops under MSP framework is dependent on several factors which include relatively large shelf life, non- perishable, widely grown, item of mass consumption, essential for food security, among others.

The first appeal, if any, against the reply may be made within 30 days of the receipt of the reply to Ms. C.H. Honey, Adviser & Appellate Authority, Room No. 443 B, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

(Shweta Sahni) 17/8/29 Economic Officer

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