## F. No. 9-2/2024-MPS-ES

## Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Economics, Statistics & Evaluation Division (MSP Unit)

Room No. 450, Krishi Bhawa, New Delhi Dated: 1st August, 2024

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Subject: RTI application of Shri SS Vemuri vide Registration No. DOA&C/R/E/24/00872/3 dated 03.07.2024.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to letter dated 03.07.2024 under RTI Act. In this regard, information pertaining to MSP Unit i.e. about Minimum Support Price (MSP) is given as under:

Each year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops 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 and other relevant factors . 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.

The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a minimum margin of 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production from year 2018-19 onwards. On the basis of above mentioned principle, Government had increased the MSPs for all mandated Rabi crops of the year 2023-24 on 18th October, 2023 and for all mandated Kharif crops of the year 2024-25 on 7th June ,2023.

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

(Shweta Sahni) Economic Officer

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