

To,

The Hon'ble Speaker
Haryana Vidhan Sabha
Chandigarh

Subject- Notice under Rules 171-187 of Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in Haryana legislative assembly, for moving a resolution urging the Union Government to take appropriate legislative and administrative measure to make the MSP legally enforceable.

Respected Sir,

After an aborted attempt by a majoritarian regime to suppress the most peaceful mass protest by our farmers in support of their demands including a legal guarantee for the MSP, the Union Government had to back-track and withdraw the black agricultural bills in parliament on 29.11.2021, the farmers have been left high and dry as the Union Government has not taken any steps to make the MSP legally enforceable.

The farm sector is in distress today. The monthly agricultural household income as per the situation assessment survey conducted by NSSO was estimated as Rs.10218 in the year 2018-19. Approximately half of our population is dependent on agriculture while its share in GDP is only about 19.9%. Astronomical rise in the cost of inputs, vicissitudes of weather, limited access to credit line and unpredictable behaviour of agro-market have pushed our farmers in a debt trap, leave alone doubling their income by the year 2022. Making MSP legally enforceable as per the C-2 formula in Shri M.S Swaminthan recommendations is the only way out to ensure the viability of the farm sector and warding off the slowdown in our economy. Hence the present notice is being given for moving a resolution by this August House, urging the Union Government to bring necessary legislation to make MSP legally enforceable.

This is a matter of wide public import and ramifications and notice of motion for moving the abovementioned resolution in order. The text of the resolution to be moved is enclosed with this notice as per annexure-A. This motion may kindly be listed in the business of this August House.


(KIRAN CHOUDHARY)
MLA TOSHAM

The text of proposed resolution on MSP under rules 171-187 or Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Haryana Legislative Assembly.

"After a careful consideration of the matter of ensuring remunerative prices for crops to farmers to address palpable distress in agriculture sector this House Unanimously resolves to recommend to the Union Government to immediately bring the necessary legislation before the Parliament for making the procurement/sale of farmers' crops at MSP (computed as per C-2 formula in the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers headed by Sh. M.S Swaminathan) legally enforceable. The computation of cost as per the C-2 formula foregoing means 1.5 times the costs after taking into account the expenditure incurred by a farmer on agricultural operations and inputs; imputed cost of unpaid family labour; and, imputed costs of rent and capital expenditure on land and other agricultural operations. The MSP may be continued for 23 designated crops for which a mechanism to declare MSP by the Union Government on the recommendations of the Commission for Agriculture costs and Prices is already in place. Further, the Union Government may be requested to put a complete ban on all government and private entities purchasing crops from farmers below MSP rates, making such purchases a cognizable offence under the proposed legislation."