

Q. From a Nutritional Security Perspective, the minimum support price needs to support Nutrient rich crops. Explain.

Introduction.

Recently CACP Commission for Agricultural costs and prices recommendations on minimum support price (MSP) for mandated 6 crops → wheat, Barley, Gram, lentil, rapeseed & mustard and safflower.

MSP

↳ MSP of rice and wheat increased at a much faster rate than those of coarse cereals like jowar, Bajra and ragi.

↳ Though MSP formula take into account land and water use, there is a need for raw coarse cereals to be promoted through MSP. Because these are less water consuming than other alternatives compared crops including wheat

Importance of coarse grains

↳ They are such source of nutrients help to fight hidden hunger. eg. Bajra is high iron content, Ragi in calcium etc.

↳ Raw material in food processing industries.

↳ It can grow in harsh climate. It can bear the climate changing conditions.

↳ cultivation is less input intensive.

↳ Additional income to marginal farmers and act as insurance in case of crop failures

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MSP Needs to Support Nutrient rich crops

↳ The MSP formula has not taken into consideration the health and Nutritional aspect irrespective of the season, the Nutritional aspect needs to be figured into MSP recommendations and more nutritional crop should command higher support prices.

MSP must also needs to support ragi, when viewed from a Nutritional security perspective.