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TRIBAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY ANNOUNCES INCLUSION OF 23 ADDITIONAL MINOR FOREST PRODUCE ITEMS IN MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE LIST

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This recommendation of additional items on 26 May, 2020 is over and above the previous notification issued on May 1, 2020, in which the MSP revisions for the existing 50 MFPs were announced. The increase across various items of Minor Forest Produce ranged from 16% to 66%. (in some cases such as Giloe, the increase has been up to 190%). The increase is also expected to provide an immediate and much needed momentum to procurement of Minor Tribal Produce across all States.

14 of the newly added items, otherwise agricultural produce, are not commercially grown in the North Eastern part of India but are found to grow in the wild in forests. Hence, the Ministry has favourably considered to include these specific items as MFP items for the North-East.

Further following 9 items available in forest areas across India have also been included in this notification with Minimum Support Price:

The details of the newly included items along with their MSP are stipulated as under:-

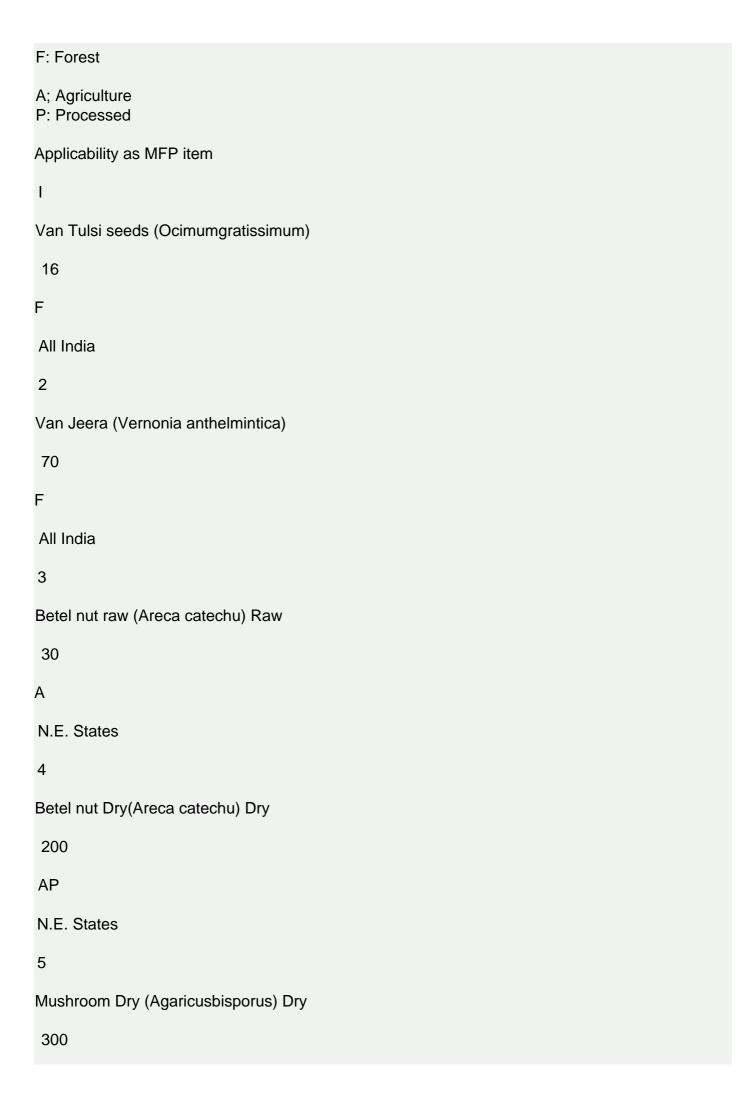
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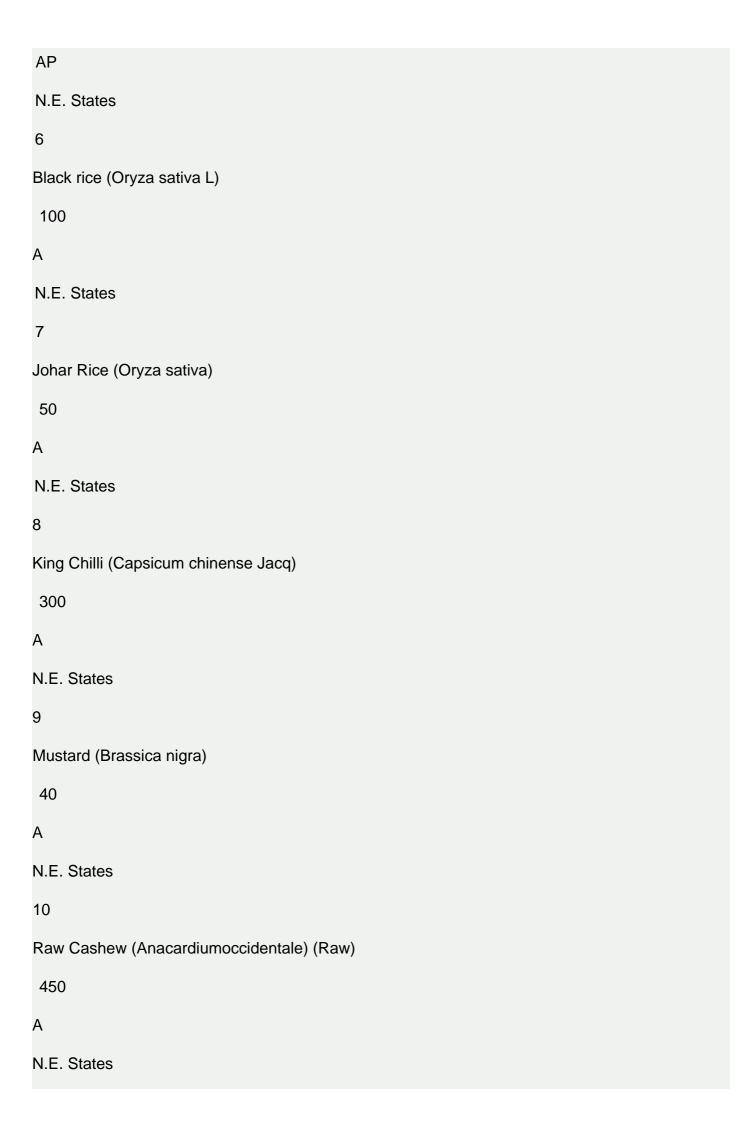
Minor Forest Produce (MFP)

MSP

Final (in Rupees per Kg.)

Category





II
Cashew Nut (Anacardiumoccidentale)
800
AP
N.E. States
12
Tamarind Seed (Tamarindusindica)
11
F
All India
13
Bamboo Brooms (Thysanolaena maxima)
60
F
All India
14
Gingerdry(Zingiberofficinale)
50
A P
N.E. States
15
Perilla dry(Perilla frutescens)
140
A
N.E. States
16

Rosella (Hibiscus sabdariffa)
200
A
N.E. States
17
Nutgall (Rhuschinensis)
150
A
N.E. States
18
Zanthoxylum Dried (Zanthoxylumarmatum
200
A
N.E. States
19
Jack Fruit Seed (Artocarpusheterophyllus) (Seeds
45
A
N.E. States
20
Dry Anola (PhylInthusemblica) (Dry)
60
F
All India
21
KachriBaheda (Terminalia bellerica)
20

P
All India
22
KachriHarra (Terminalia chebula)
23
P
All India
23
Seed lac (Kerria lacca)
677
FP
All India

The Ministry has provided flexibility to States to fix MSP upto 10% higher or lower than MSP declared by the Government. This notification is aimed to address several issues of exploitation by local traders, ensuring fair returns on their produce.

The Central Government had introduced a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for a select list of MFP through "Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce through Minimum Support price and development of Value Chain of MFP" Scheme in 2011 to provide a social safety net to these underprivileged forest dwellers, and to aid in their empowerment.

TRIFED, as the apex national organisation involved in the improvement of the livelihood and empowerment of these tribal people, is the nodal agency for the implementation of the scheme. The Scheme has been a resounding success in offering basic support to the tribal gatherers and has helped in improving their lives. 1,126 Vandhan Kendras have been set up as Tribal start-ups onboarding over 3.6 Lakhs beneficiaries. Many of these units have commenced production and started sales of their value-added products.



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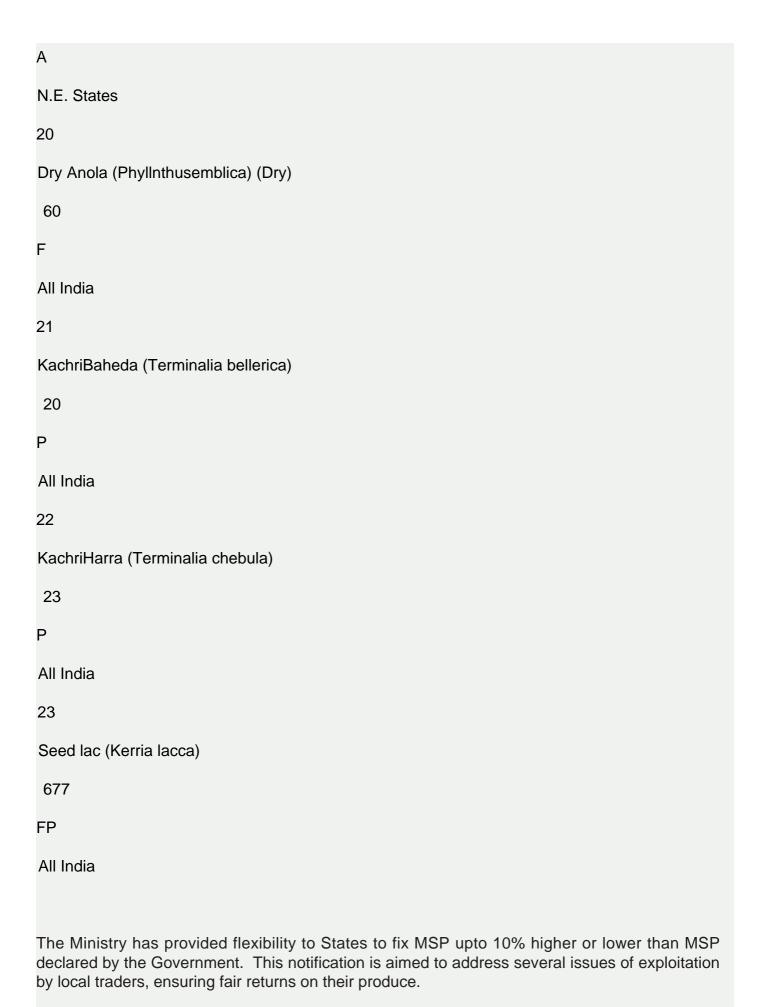
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Final (in Rupees per Kg.)
Category F: Forest
A; Agriculture P: Processed
Applicability as MFP item
I
Van Tulsi seeds (Ocimumgratissimum)
16
F
All India
2
Van Jeera (Vernonia anthelmintica)
70
F
All India
3
Betel nut raw (Areca catechu) Raw
30

A
N.E. States
4
Betel nut Dry(Areca catechu) Dry
200
AP
N.E. States
5
Mushroom Dry (Agaricusbisporus) Dry
300
AP
N.E. States
6
Black rice (Oryza sativa L)
100
A
N.E. States
7
Johar Rice (Oryza sativa)
50
A
N.E. States
8
King Chilli (Capsicum chinense Jacq)
300
A
N.E. States

9
Mustard (Brassica nigra)
40
A
N.E. States
10
Raw Cashew (Anacardiumoccidentale) (Raw)
450
A
N.E. States
II
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AP
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12
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