

MSP for Minor Forest Produce

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Ministry of Tribal Affairs has announced inclusion of 23 additional Minor Forest Produce (MFP) items and stipulation of their Minimum Support Price (MSP) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled **“Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of value chain of MFP”**.

Current Developments

- 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.
- The Ministry has provided **flexibility to States to fix MSP upto 10% higher or lower than MSP declared by the Government.**
- The following 9 items available in forest areas across India have also been included in this notification with Minimum Support Price:

- . Van Tulsi seeds (*Ocimum gratissimum*)
- . Van Jeera (*Vernonia anthelmintica*)
- . Tamarind Seed (*Tamarindus indica*)
- . Bamboo Brooms (*Thysanolaena maxima*)
- . Dry Anola (*Phyllanthus emblica*) (Dry)
- . Kachri Baheda (*Terminalia bellerica*)
- . Kachri Harra (*Terminalia chebula*)
- . Seed lac (*Kerria lacca*)

Key Features of the Scheme

- The Central Government had introduced a 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 the 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.
- **Revolving Fund**: It will be operated at state level for upfront payment for procuring MFP, with **75:25 sharing between Central and participating state governments**.
- **Modernization of Haats** with permanent structure and facilities for storage, drinking water, shade and platforms.
- **Multipurpose centers** to facilitate capacity building, training for value addition, storage, marketing of MFP and warehousing.