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FOREWORD

Keeping in view the importance of informed decision on agricultural price policy, a combined volume containing reports of the Agricultural Prices Commission on price policy for crops sown in 1982-83 season was brought out in 1984. The present volume contains the various price policy reports of the Commission for crops sown in 1983-84. The arrangement of reports in this volume is slightly different from the one adopted in the earlier volume. This follows from the decision of the Commission in the beginning of 1983-84 to discontinue its earlier practice of submitting price policy reports on crop to crop basis. Instead the Commission has now started submitting its reports on price policy for different crops on integrated seasonal basis broadly divided into kharif and rabi. However, for jute and sugarcane the Commission continues to submit separate reports since they do not fall under the general seasonal pattern.

Consistent with the Government's policy of providing remunerative prices to the farmer, the support/procurement prices have been further raised for the 1983-84 crops as will be seen from the following table:—

Support/Procurement prices fixed by the Government

(Rs. per quintal)

Crop	Support/Procurement Prices	
	1982-83 Crop	1983-84 Crop
Paddy	122	132
Jowar, Bajra, Maize & Ragl	118	124
Wheat	151	152
Barley	122	124
Gram	235	240
Tur	215	245
Moong	240	250
Urad	230	245
Groundnut-in-Shell	295	315
Rapeseed/Mustard	355	360
Soyabean : Black variety	220	230
Yellow variety	245	255
Sunflowerseed	250	275
Jute (W5 Grade)	175	185
Cotton	380 (J34)E-414 varieties)	400 (F-414)H-777 varieties)
Sugarcane	13.00	13.50

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While recognising that the price instrument has a positive role to play, the non-pricing aspects namely technological and institutional improvements, which the Agricultural Prices Commission has emphasised in its reports, are equally important from the point of view of optimising the returns to the farmer and promoting integrated development of agricultural economy.

I have great pleasure in releasing this combined volume containing the reports of the Agricultural Prices Commission on price policy for the crops sown in 1983-84, for the benefit of the public.

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