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1. From a ~~nutritional~~ nutritional security perspective, the Minimum Support Price needs to support nutrient-rich crops. Explain.

Nutritional security is the consistent access, affordability and availability of nutritious foods and beverages particularly to vulnerable and rural, remote population.

MSP - System in India

CAEP recommends for MSP (Minimum Support Prices) for 6 Rabi crops - wheat, barley, lentil, rapeseed/mustard, Bajra, gram, safflower.

Factors taken for consideration

Cost of production, Demand & supply domestically and at global markets, Domestic & International prices, trade parity of agriculture & non-agriculture sector, effect of price policy on rest of economy, 50% of production cost; optimum land utilisation

Though the list seems comprehensive it has missed important factor → 'nutrition' undermining 'nutritional security'

nutritional security in MSP formula

Rationale behind Inclusion of nutrition security in MSP, can be evident based on Research outcome of ORF research

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Nutrient per litre of water	Rabi	Wheat.
Energy	11643	1618.
Protein	20 37	53
Iron	20	25.
Fibre	18	6.
Carbohydrate	361	331
Fat	7	7.
Calcium	1743	191
Phosphorus	1418.	1423

Need for Inclusion - 'Nutritional security'

1. Evident from table that Ragi, (a millet crop) • nutritional performance is more or less comparable with wheat yet left out of MSP formula
2. present MSP formula doesn't include health & nutrition aspect
3. Irrespective of cropping season, nutri-rich crops has to be featured in recommendation & should be high price.

Way forward

38% of children are undernourished (UNICEF).
'Nutritional security' as a factor in MSP will enable availability of nutri-rich crops. • Its affordability and accessibility can be enabled by Government - Act 47 - state to provide nutrition to people. • which in turn will leap forward india Page to achieve SDG- NO. 2 - Good Health