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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has announced the Minimum Support Price for which of the following? 1. Areca nut 2. Barley 3. Coffee 4. Finger millet 5. Groundnut 6. Sesamum 7. Turmeric (a) 1, 2, 3 and 7 only (b) 2, 4, 5 and 6 only (c) 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1, 2, 3 and 7 only. Barley is an MSP crop, but arecanut, coffee and turmeric are not in the **CACP/CCEA** foodgrain-oilseed-commercial MSP basket in the sense of this question. This mix is wrong. This option is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 2, 4, 5 and 6 only. Barley, finger millet (**ragi**/maruca), groundnut and sesamum are announced under the MSP regime. Arecanut, coffee and turmeric are not in that MSP list. That is 2, 4, 5 and 6. This option is the official key.

(c)

(c) 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only. It wrongly includes arecanut and coffee and, in this coding, still misses the clean MSP-only set. This option is not the key.

(d)

(d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Plantation spices and coffee are not all MSP crops. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2, 4, 5 and 6 only. **CCEA** announces MSPs for mandated rabi/kharif crops including barley, **ragi**, groundnut and sesamum. Arecanut, coffee and turmeric are plantation/spice crops outside that MSP list. Options that keep 1, 3 or 7 therefore over-include. The WRAP letter is (b).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

CACP

Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices; recommends MSP

CCEA

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs; announces MSP

Ragi

Finger millet; a nutri-cereal with MSP

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Sugarcane price mechanism, distinct from MSP

Coffee / spices boards

Separate commodity boards, not the MSP cereal-oilseed list

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