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# Impact of minimum support price on pigeonpea growers

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**Abstract :** The present study was conducted mainly with the objective to study extent Impact of Minimum Support Price on pigeonpea growers. For the study, Washim district was selected purposively as area of pigeonpea under this district was high as compare to other district of Vidarbha region. Karanja (Lad) talukas viz., Lohara, Shaha, Yewata (Bandhi), Wai, Kherda Bu, Donad, Mungutpur, Sohol, Gaywad, Belmandal, Meha, Manabha, Pangavhan, Rahati (Kajba), Bhamdevi, Sukadi, Umbarda (Bazaar), Hiwara (Lahe), Khanapur, Murambi, Nimba (Jahangir), Poha, Palana and Dhamni were selected randomly and 24 villages from each talukas were selected randomly. From each village 5 respondents who were cultivating pigeonpea crop were randomly selected constituting the sample size 120. Ex-post factor research design was used for the study. Majority of the respondents had medium farm experience, were literate, medium land holding, medium annual income, medium source of information, medium extension contact and possessed medium knowledge. The variables like farm experience, education, annual income, social participation, extension contact, source of information had positive significant relationship with impact of minimum support price on pigeonpea growers. Whereas, land holding could not establish any relationship with impact of minimum support price on pigeonpea growers. Based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, the Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Government of India, declares Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 22 crops before their sowing seasons. The idea behind MSP is to give guaranteed price and assured market to the farmers and protect them from the price fluctuations and market imperfections. The guaranteed price and assured market are expected to encourage higher investment and in adoption of modern farming practices. Further, with the globalization resulting in freer trade in agricultural commodities, it is very important to protect the farmers and their interest.

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