

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5299
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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR PROCUREMENT OF RICE AND PADDY
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal under their consideration to introduce/fix Minimum Support Price (MSP) for procurement of fine and super fine varieties of rice/paddy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any proposal has been received from States to treat fine and super fine varieties of paddy separately for the purpose of fixing MSP for procurement; and
- (e) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): In August, 1997 the Government reclassified paddy into 2 instead of 3 varieties for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) purposes because of difficulties faced in the proper classification of different varieties of fine and super fine paddy. The decision was taken in the overall interests of the farmers all over the country.
- (d): The State Government of Haryana has, however, been recommending fixation of separate MSP for fine and super fine varieties of paddy.
- (e): The Government intends to continue with the existing policy of announcing MSP separately for Common and Grade `A` variety of paddy.