

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REVISION OF MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices has since recommended the revised Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy for the year 2002-03 marketing season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, commodity-wise; and
- (c) the extent to which the farmers of drought hit areas are likely to be benefited thereby?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir. However, the Government has announced Special Drought Relief Prices for kharif marketing season 2002-03 based on the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, which took into account the losses suffered by farmers in un-irrigated areas and the additional expenditure incurred by the farmers in irrigated areas.

(b) & (c): The Commodity-wise details of the Special Drought Relief Prices announced by the Government, which are intended to benefit the farmers in drought hit areas, are as under:

Commodity Variety Special Drought Relief Price (Rs. per quintal)

1.	Paddy Common Grade `A`	20
2.	Jowar	5
3.	Bajra	10
4.	Maize	5
5.	Ragi	5
6.	Tur (Arhar)	5
7.	Moong	5
8.	Urad	5
9.	Groundnut in shell	20
10.	Soyabean Black Yellow	10
11.	Sunflower seed	15
12.	Sesamum	5
13.	Nigerseed	-
14.	Cotton Kapas F-414/J-34/H-777 H-4	20