

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1657
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MSP FOR WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have fixed the Minimum Support price for wheat and paddy for the year 2000-2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are discrepancies in the remunerative prices fixed for paddy and wheat;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

- (a) & (b): The minimum support price (MSP) for wheat for the marketing year 2000- 01 has already been fixed as Rs.580 per quintal. The MSP for paddy for the year 2000- 01 is at present under consideration of the government.
- (c) to (e): While fixing the MSP, among other things, the question of price parity among different crops is duly kept in view. This year also while finalising the MSP of paddy, this aspect will be duly considered.