

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FIXATION OF SUPPORT PRICES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed minimum support price for paddy and tobacco;
- (b) if so, whether any requests have been received for fixing minimum support price for chillies; and
- (c) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government has already fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the 2003-04 season of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of paddy (Common) at Rs.550/- per quintal and for paddy (Grade A) at Rs.580/- per quintal. Similarly the Government has fixed the MSP for 2003-04 season of Fair Average Quality of Tobacco (F-2 Grade) and Tobacco (L2 Grade) at Rs.31/- and Rs.33/- per kg. Respectively.

(b)&(c): No request for fixing the MSP for chillies has been received from any State Government. However, on the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of chillies was implemented in 2000-01. A quantity of 602 metric tonnes of chillies valued at Rs.144.48 lakh at the procurement price of Rs.24,000 per metric ton was procured from 20th March, 2001 to 30th June, 2001 in Andhra Pradesh. No proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for implementing MIS for chillies in the current year has so far been received.