

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF M.S.P. FOR PADDY
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have announced any New Policy regarding Minimum Support Price for paddy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to be beneficial to the small and marginal farmers?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Paddy of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) for 2003-04 Kharif season fixed by the Government is Rs.550/- per quintal for paddy (common) and Rs.580/- per quintal for paddy (grade-`A`).
- (c): This will be beneficial to the farmers, including small and marginal farmers, selling their produce to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other agencies designated by the State Governments.