

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is in the process for fixing the Minimum Support Price for paddy for 2004-2005 by soliciting comments from the States on the recommendations of the Commission of Agriculture Costs and Prices;
- (b) whether State Governments have submitted their point of views on this issue;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, State-wise; and
- (d) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Views of the State Governments, on fixation of Minimum Support Price of Kharif crops of 2004-05 season, including Paddy, based on the recommendations of the Commission of Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) have been solicited.
- (b) to (d): The views of a few major States are still awaited. They have been reminded to furnish their views / comments expeditiously. Based on their views / comments, further action for consideration and decision by the Government would be taken expeditiously.