

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MSP FOR KHARIF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced Minimum Support Prices for various Kharif Crops during 2005-06;
- (b) if so, the comparative figures for the years 2004-05 and 2005-06, crop-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of Kharif Crops in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has announced the Minimum Support Prices for various Kharif crops of 2005-06 season. A statement indicating the comparative figures for 2004-05 and 2005-06 is given in the Annexure.

(c): The Government organizes purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies such as Food Corporation of India (FCI), Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED), besides other agencies designated by the State Governments. The designated central nodal agencies are required to intervene in the market for undertaking procurement operations with the objective that the market prices do not fall below the MSPs fixed by the Government and farmers continue to grow these crops.

ANNEXURE

Minimum Support Prices of Kharif Crops (According to Crop Year)

S.No.	Commodity Variety	2004-05	2005-06
1	Paddy Common	560	570
	Grade `A`	590	600
2	Jowar	515	525
3	Bajra	515	525
4	Maize	525	540
5	Ragi	515	525
6	Arhar (Tur)	1390	1400
7	Moong	1410	1520
8	Urad	1410	1520
9	Cotton F-414/H-777	1760	1760
	/J34H-4	1960	1980
10	Groundnut in shell	1500	1520
11	Sunflower seed	1340	1500
12	Soyabean Black	900	900
	Yellow	1000	1010
13	Sesamum	1500	1550
14	Nigerseed	1180	1200