

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:362
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2005
MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy fixed for the year 2004-05 and the current year;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received requests from the State Governments, particularly Maharashtra for increasing the MSP of paddy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government is likely to allow the State Governments to pay bonus price besides the support price; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 362 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2005.

(a): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy (common) for the 2004-05 season was fixed at Rs. 560 per quintal and for paddy (Grade A) at Rs. 590 per quintal while for the current year, 2005-06, the MSPs have been fixed at Rs. 570 per quintal for paddy (common) and at Rs. 600 per quintal for paddy (Grade A).

(b): No requests have been received from the State Governments for higher MSP of paddy after announcement of MSP for 2005-06 season.

(c)&(d): Do not arise.

(e)&(f): The State Governments may announce a bonus, over and above the Minimum Support Price fixed, for any commodity, at their own cost.