

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FIXATION OF MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR PADDY AND SUGARCANE

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently announced minimum support price (MSP) for paddy and sugarcane;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Karnataka has urged the Government to review the Minimum Support Price fixed for paddy and sugarcane;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the main reasons put forward by the Government of Karnataka to raise the MSP for paddy and sugarcane?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Government has announced the Minimum Support Price of paddy (common) at Rs.570 per quintal and for paddy (Grade A) at Rs.600 per quintal for 2005-06 season while the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for 2005-06 has been fixed at Rs.79.50 per quintal.

(c) to (e): The Government of Karnataka has not urged for a review of the MSP fixed for paddy for 2005-06 season and has also not given any suggestion/comment regarding fixation of SMP for sugar season 2005-06.