

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTRODUCTION OF DUAL PRICING .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to introduce dual pricing system for the procurement of foodgrains;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) The extent to which this system is likely to cope with the emerging challenges in agriculture sector; and
- (d) The time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): A proposal to purchase foodgrains at a rate higher than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been formulated in the Department of Food & Public Distribution.

(c)&(d): The proposal to purchase foodgrains at a rate higher than the MSP has been formulated in order to meet the requirements of Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes.