

The Ministry of Food Processing Industry is providing assistance for setting up of training centres in rural areas, fruit and vegetable processing units, establishment of infrastructure for mushrooms, generic advertising on processed foods and for marketing.

#### Production Cost Price of Wheat/Rice

5929. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the national average production cost price of wheat and rice as compared to the support price declared by the Union Government during each of the last five years; and

(b) the measures adopted by the Union Government to provide relief to the farmers in the agriculture production?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The national average production cost of crops including that of wheat and rice is not being worked out. However, the cost of production of paddy and wheat in a few major growing States as projected by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in its various reports is given at the enclosed Statement-I. The minimum support price fixed by the Government for the country during the last five years is provided in the enclosed Statement-II.

(b) In order to raise agricultural production in the country, the Government is providing various incentives to the farmers including provision of inputs at reasonable prices such as fertilizers, seeds, power etc., extension support for the transfer of technology, credit and market support besides remunerative prices.

#### Statement-I

##### Cost of Production (C3)\*

State	(Rs. per quintal)				
	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
<i>Paddy</i>					
Punjab	243	292	281	329	358
Haryana	282	349	390	382	-
Madhya Pradesh	-	-	416	488	-
<i>Wheat</i>					
Punjab	250	293	-	353	369
Haryana	241	245	274	-	338
Madhya Pradesh	393	442	-	454	513

\* Inclusive of valuation of labour at Statutory Minimum Wage Rate or actual wage rate whichever is higher and evaluation of managerial input at 10% of the total cost.

#### Statement-II Minimum Support Prices

(Rs. per quintal)

Year	Paddy			Wheat
	Common	Fine	Superfine	
1992-93	270	280	290	330**
1993-94	310	330	350	350
1994-95	340	360	380	360
1995-96	360	375	395	380
1996-97	380	395	415	475***

\*\* Includes a Central bonus of Rs. 25 per quintal.

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#### Storage Facilities in Rajasthan

5930. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI :  
SHRI SHYAM LAL BANSHIWAL :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present storage facilities in Rajasthan are sufficient to the need of the people in the State;

(b) if so, the location and capacity of godowns in the State;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The storage capacity available with FCI, CWC and Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation as on 1.2.1997 together with their percentage utilisation is given below:

Organisation	Total Capacity available (in lakh tonnes)	%age utilisation
F.C.I.	11.77	50%
C.W.C.	1.66	57%
Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation	5.07	38%