

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE IN PUNJAB  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government of Punjab has approached the Union Government to enhance the Minimum Support Price for the agricultural produce in the State; and

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes sir. The Government of Punjab had approached the Union Government for higher Minimum Support Prices of agriculture produce of the State. In view of the increase in input cost`s, the Government of Punjab has asked for higher MSP for paddy, cotton and wheat .

The Government has recently announced the Price Policy for Kharif Crops of 2004-05 season on the basis of the recommendations made by the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), which has taken into account all the relevant factors, including rise in input costs and the resulting increase in the cost of production in different States including Punjab. Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all the Kharif crops have been fixed at a level higher than those for 2003-04 season. A statement showing the MSPs of major agricultural commodities announced in recent years is enclosed .