

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PAYMENT OF MSP

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has urged the State Governments to ensure payment of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for procurement of foodgrains during the Kharif marketing season 2006-07; and

(b) if so, the details of the responses from the State Governments thereto?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Government, after fixing the Minimum Support Prices (MSP), intimates all State Governments of the MSPs fixed for various crops. Apart from this, the MSPs fixed are also broadcast/telecast through AIR/Doordarshan in their programmes. MSPs are in the nature of minimum guaranteed price, the procurement of agricultural commodities is undertaken by the procuring agencies at the MSPs fixed by the Government.