

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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REMUNERATIVE PRICES TO FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of availability of loan and suitable marketing facilities, the majority of the farmers in the country are unable to sell their produce at remunerative prices;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for providing the said facilities to the farmers?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In a study on market margins for some crops conducted through out the country during 2004-05, it was found that producer's share in consumer's price for paddy/rice varies from 81.49 percent in Chhattisgarh State to 61.79 percent in Karnataka. For wheat, it varies between 85.73 percent in Rajasthan to 62.47 percent in Karnataka. The Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for major crops, so that farmers get remunerative price for their produce. Also, the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act has been amended to benefit the farmers to realize better prices.