

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Paddy during the current Kharif season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government takes into account the cost of cultivation of Paddy in drought prone areas of the country including Tamil Nadu while fixing the MSP for Paddy;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, whether such consideration is likely to be included while fixing MSP of Paddy in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)to(c): Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of selected crops, including paddy, are fixed every year based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in consultation with States and Central Ministries. MSPs of various crops for 2008-09 season have already been announced. At present, there is no proposal to increase the Minimum Support Prices for the current Kharif season, 2008-09. The recommendations of CACP have been received for MSPs of Kharif crops of 2009-10 season and presently are under consideration of the Government.

(d)to(f): While estimating the cost of cultivation of different crops, including Paddy, cultivators from all agro-climatic zones are properly represented in the sample.