

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR KHARIF CROPS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed for kharif crops including paddy in the current year, crop-wise and variety-wise;
- (b) the target fixed for procurement of kharif crops including paddy during the said period;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure stability in the prices of agricultural produce for which MSP are not fixed; and
- (d) the details of the action plan formulated for the welfare of the distressed farmers in the country?

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): The Minimum Support Prices of Kharif Crops, including Paddy, fixed for 2010-11 season are given below:

(Rs. Per quintal)			
Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	MSP
1.	PADDY	Common	1000
		Grade 'A'	1030
2.	JOWAR	Hybrid	880
		Maldandi	900
3.	BAJRA		880
4.	MAIZE		880
5.	RAGI		965
6.	ARHAR (Tur)		3000
7.	MOONG		3170
8.	URAD		2900
9.	COTTON	Staple length	2500
		(mm) of 24.5 - 25.5	
		and Micronaire value	
		of 4.3 - 5.1	
		Staple length (mm)	3000
		of 29.5 - 30.5 and	
		Micronaire value	
		of 3.5 - 4.3	
10.	GROUNDNUT IN		2300
	SHELL		
11.	SUNFLOWER SEED		2350
12.	SOYABEAN	Black	1400
		Yellow	1440
13.	SESAMUM		2900
14.	NIGERSEED		2450

(b): No targets are fixed for procurement of paddy/rice.

(c): Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) on the request of State/UT Government for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities not covered under the Price Support Scheme.

(d): To benefit farmers, the Government is providing crop loans at low interest rates. In addition, the Government has enhanced the interest subvention to 2% for timely repayment of crop loans. The limit of collateral free farm loan has been raised to Rs.1.00 lakh. With a view to increasing agricultural productivity and production and in the overall interests of the farmers, the Government is also implementing a number of schemes/programmes which include, inter alia, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Cereals Development Programme, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) etc.