

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of rice procured directly from farmers to build stocks in the country during the last two years;
- (b) the price paid per quintal to farmers for the said procurement;
- (c) the quantum of rice imported during the said period; and
- (d) the price paid per quintal for the said imports?

Answer

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

(a): As per the existing policy for foodgrains procurement, FCI and agencies of the State Government procure paddy directly from farmers under MSP operation. The quantum of paddy purchased from the farmers during Kharif Marketing Seasons 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (as on 30.6.2009) is as under:-

(In lakh tones) Marketing Season Paddy

2006-07 236.94

2007-08 # 246.83

2008-09 (as on 30.6.09) 295.39

(b): The prices of paddy paid to the farmers during Kharif Marketing Season 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 for common & Grade 'A' varieties are as under:

(In Rs. Per Qtl.)

| Marketing Season | MSP | Bonus | Total |
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| | Common Grade 'A' | Common Grade 'A' |
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| 2006-07 | 580 | 610 | 40 | 620 | 650 |
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| 2007-08 # | 645 | 675 | 100 | 745 | 775 |
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| 2008-09 | 850 | 880 | 50 | 900 | 930 |
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With effect from 24.6.2008, MSP of paddy was revised to Rs.850 and 880 per quintal respectively for Common and Grade 'A' varieties in KMS 2007-08.

- (c): There has been no import of rice for the Central Pool during last two years.
- (d): Does not arise.