

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3867  
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MSP FOR RED RICE  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for classifying the traditional red rice varieties including Champa, Matt, Pokkali, Uma, etc. as A-grade while declaring the minimum support price for Kharif crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The proposal has been received to include the red rice from Kerala in Grade A variety.

(c) & (d): Minimum Support Price of paddy is fixed for two varieties viz. Common and Grade A. The criterion for classification of paddy into these varieties is the length-breadth ratio of the grain. Red rice is categorized as a common variety under MSP.