

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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) the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed for paddy;
- (b) whether the paddy farmers in Bihar are not getting MSP due to late/non-procurement in the State;
- (c) if so, the details and the quantum of paddy in this regard;
- (d) whether few paddy procurement centres have been set up in Bihar by the Government in comparison to other States;
- (e) if so, the details of the number of paddy procurement centres in various States, including Bihar; and
- (f) the details of schemes of the Government to provide MSP for paddy to the farmers for their produce in various States especially in Bihar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

- (a): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy (Common) and Paddy (Grade-A) has been fixed at Rs. 1000/- per quintal and Rs. 1030 per quintal respectively during Kharif 2010-11 season.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): 4.86 Lakh tonnes of paddy have been procured in Bihar during Kharif Marketing Season 2010-11.
- (d) & (e): The paddy procurement centres in various States including Bihar are given below:-

Sl. No. State/UT No. of Centres

1	Andhra Pradesh	728
2	Assam	11
3	Bihar	575
4	Chhattisgarh	2,911
5	Delhi	2
6	Gujarat	188
7	Haryana	228
8	Himachal Pradesh	5
9	Jharkhand	25
10	Jammu & Kashmir	15
11	Karnataka	65
12	Kerala	470
13	Maharashtra	915
14	Madhya Pradesh	475
15	Orissa	68
16	Puducherry	
17	Punjab	1,588
18	Rajasthan	-
19	Tamil Nadu	1,400
20	Uttar Pradesh	2,195
21	Uttarakhand	58
22	West Bengal	1,500
23	Grand Total	13,422

(f): The Government fixes the MSPs for agricultural produce including paddy inter-alia, taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries. The

CACP, while formulating its recommendations on price policy considers, inter-alia, a number of factors which include cost of production, changes in input prices, input/output price parity, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price parity, effect on industrial cost structure, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living, suggestions received from farmers/others etc.

The Government extends price support to the farmers by organizing procurement operations at MSP for the crops including paddy in the States including Bihar through Central Government, State Government and Cooperative agencies.