

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BONUS ON PURCHASE OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been urged to give a bonus on the purchase of paddy by various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): Requests have been received from time to time for bonus on paddy by several State Governments namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Punjab, Tamilnadu etc.

Incentive bonus over and above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy is provided from time to time to meet the emerging needs like maximize procurement for the Central Pool to enable the Government to meet its obligations under Targeted Public Distribution Scheme (TPDS) and other welfare schemes, incentivise the farmers to increase its production etc.

A bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal, over and above the MSP of paddy, was given in 2008-09 and 2009-10.