

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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INPUT COST OF PRODUCTION OF WHEAT AND PADDY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) has assessed the input cost of production of wheat and paddy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details for 2010-11 and 2011-12;
- (c) whether the actual cost of inputs invested by the farmers far exceeds the assessment of the input cost; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The all India weighted average cost of production of wheat, which includes cost of all inputs, has been estimated by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for 2010-11 and 2011-12 at Rs. 826 and Rs. 927 per quintal respectively. The all India weighted average cost of production of paddy (rice) for the two years has been estimated by the CACP at Rs. 742 and Rs. 888 per quintal respectively.
- (c) & (d): Under the Cost of Cultivation Scheme, estimates of cost of production/cultivation are generated on the basis of field data collected from selected farmers. Based on this, the data of the actual cost of production are available after a gap of about two years.