

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the Minimum Support Price (MSP) received by the farmers during procurement of farm produce during the current season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the total procurement done by the Government, State-wise including Odisha; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide MSP to the farmers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): Procurement of rice and wheat undertaken by the designated Central, State and Cooperative Agencies in the States including Odisha at the Minimum Support Prices during 2012-13 is at Annexure.

(c): To ensure that the farmers receive MSP for their produce, Food Corporation of India (FCI) in consultation with State Governments operates sufficient number of purchase centres. The State Governments have been instructed to engage Self Help Groups (SHGs)/Societies etc. who can have better reach in the procurement areas leading to higher levels of procurement. To ensure that the benefit of MSP reaches the farmers, the field units of FCI have been directed to make payments through account payee cheques/electronic mode, wherever possible. In order to spread awareness regarding MSP operations, wide publicity is given through pamphlets, banners, sign boards and advertisements through print and electronic media regarding MSP, quality specifications, purchase system, etc.