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Title: Need to fix remunerative Minimum Support Price for paddy and make arrangements for procurement of paddy directly from the farmers.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): This year the cost of paddy production gets higher ever than before. The paddy is the principal crop in our country. Around 80% of the peasants community has to depend on this crop. This is the main source of their livelihood. The concerned paddy growers, the small and marginal farmers in particular do not get remunerative price of their produce. So they had to suffer every year. On the contrary the cost of production is getting higher and higher every year. In this regard the National Commission on farmers have made some important recommendations for the interest of the crop growers.

It is desirable that the UPA government, would address this problem immediately by announcing Rs. 1000(one thousand) for one quintal paddy as a minimum support price (MSP) and instruct the F.C.I to make necessary arrangements to go on for procurement of paddy directly from the farmers across the country.

I urge the Union government, to take this matter as an urgent one and do the needful.