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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5197
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2018

REMUNERATIVE PRICES FOR PADDY

5197. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:
SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production of paddy in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and Year-wise till date;
- (b) whether the farmers engaged in the production of paddy in different States are not getting remunerative prices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that appropriate remunerative price for paddy is provided to the farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): State-wise details of production of rice during the last three years and current year i.e. from 2014-15 to 2017-18 (as per Second Advance Estimates) is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c): Cost of production varies in different States on account of difference in levels of irrigation, resource endowment, farm mechanisation, land holding size, yield of crops etc. The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices uses all India weighted average cost of production while making its recommendations on Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) and recommends uniform MSPs for the whole country which is applicable to all States/UTs. The MSPs fixed by the Government provides adequate returns over all-India weighted average cost of production. State-wise returns on MSPs fixed by Government over weighted average cost of production varies on account of variation in yield level and cost of cultivation of the crops. In case of paddy, the returns over weighted average cost of production ranges from 130.7 per cent in Punjab to (-) 1.2 per cent in Maharashtra for 2017-18. The lower return of paddy in Maharashtra is due to lower yield and higher cost of cultivation.

The return over weighted average cost of production (A2+FL) for MSP fixed by Government of paddy for 2017-18 in various States is at **Annexure-II**.

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(d): Government has taken several steps to ensure remunerative prices to farmers for their produce which include fixing MSPs for major agricultural crops, undertaking procurement through designated procurement agencies, implementing e-National Agriculture Market, enacting the Model Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017 and promoting Farmer Producer Organization (FPOs).

The Government extends price support to paddy through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State agencies across country. Under procurement policy, whatever quantum that are offered by farmers within stipulated time period & conforming to the specifications prescribed by Government of India, are purchased at MSP by the State Government agencies including FCI for central pool. However, if producer/farmer gets better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market.

Further, the Union Budget for 2018-19 has announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at levels of one and half time the cost of production.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5197 due for reply on 27.03.2018

State-wise Production of Rice during 2014-15 to 2017-18

State/ UT	Production ('000 Tonnes)			
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18*
Andhra Pradesh	7233.9	7488.7	7452.4	8051.3
Assam	5222.7	5125.1	4727.4	5158.0
Bihar	6356.7	6802.2	8239.3	7296.4
Chattisgarh	6322.1	5789.4	8048.4	6910.6
Gujarat	1830.9	1702.0	1930.0	1762.0
Haryana	4006.0	4145.0	4453.0	3946.8
Himachal Pradesh	125.2	129.9	146.6	130.5
Jammu & Kashmir	517.2	646.4	572.2	596.3
Jharkhand	3361.9	2882.2	3841.8	3775.2
Karnataka	3541.0	3021.0	2604.8	2359.0
Kerala	562.1	549.3	437.1	418.7
Madhya Pradesh	3625.3	3546.7	4226.8	3908.4
Maharashtra	2946.0	2593.0	3109.5	2660.5
Odisha	8298.2	5875.4	8325.9	7619.0
Punjab	11107.0	11823.0	11586.2	12283.3
Rajasthan	366.7	369.8	452.7	428.8
Tamil Nadu	5727.8	7517.1	2369.4	6395.9
Telangana	4440.8	3047.0	5173.4	5825.0
Uttar Pradesh	12167.9	12501.0	13754.0	13345.9
UttaraKhand	603.7	639.1	630.0	663.0
West Bengal	14677.2	15953.9	15302.5	14990.0
Others	2441.7	2261.1	2315.0	2483.0
All India	105482.1	104408.2	109698.4	111007.8

* As per 2nd Advance Estimates.

Annexure-II

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (b) and (c) of the Lok Sabha
Unstarred Question No. 5197 due for reply on 27.03.2018**

**Weighted Average Projected Cost of Production (A2+FL) and
Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Paddy for 2017-18 Crop Season**

State	Rs./Qtl.			% Return over (A2+FL)
	A2+FL	MSP	Return over (A2+FL)	
1	2	3	4=(3-2)	5
Andhra Pradesh	1062	1550	488	46.0
Assam	1230	1550	320	26.0
Bihar	1053	1550	497	47.2
Chattisgarh	915	1550	635	69.4
Gujarat	1061	1550	489	46.1
Haryana	1049	1550	501	47.8
Jharkhand	1359	1550	191	14.1
Karnataka	1062	1550	488	46.0
Kerala	1252	1550	298	23.8
Madhya Pradesh	1027	1550	523	50.9
Maharashtra	1569	1550	-19	-1.2
Odisha	1327	1550	223	16.8
Punjab	672	1550	878	130.7
Tamil Nadu	1146	1550	404	35.3
Uttar Pradesh	1073	1550	477	44.5
UttaraKhand	1009	1550	541	53.6
West Bengal	1409	1550	141	10.0
All India	1117	1550	433	38.8
