

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
MSP FOR WHEAT .

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Will the Minister of COALCOAL AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether in order to help the farmers to meet increasing cost of inputs, Government has decided to raise the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat;
- (b) if so, to what extent and the revised MSP for wheat;
- (c) the likely production of wheat in the country this year and the comparative wheat production during the last three years; and
- (d) the wheat procurement by Government agencies in these years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for agricultural commodities, including wheat seeks to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for encouraging higher production. The Government fixes the MSPs for agricultural produce, inter-alia, taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries. The recommendation of CACP is based on important factors such as cost of production, changes in input prices etc. The MSP for wheat has been raised by Rs. 20 per quintal to Rs. 1100 per quintal for 2009-10 season.

(c) & (d): The production and procurement of wheat since 2006-07 is given below;
(million tonnes)

| Year | Production | Procurement |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 2006-07 | 75.81 | 9.23 |
| 2007-08 | 78.57 | 11.13 |
| 2008-09 | 80.58 | 22.69 |
| Fourth Advance Estimate. | | |