

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
PRODUCTION OF PADDY .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether production of paddy is likely to be increased in Kharif season of 2010;
- (b) if so, the increase likely to take place compared to the year 2009;
- (c) whether the support price of paddy including other Kharif crops have been fixed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether storage facility is available to store the entire stock of rice purchased and the quantum of rice that can be stored?

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):Yes, Sir. As per 1st Advance Estimates for 2010-11, the production of rice in the country during kharif, 2010 is estimated at 80.41 million tones which is 4.50 million tones higher than the rice production of 75.91 million tones in kharif, 2009.

(c)&(D):Yes, Sir. Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) fixed for the major kharif crops for 2010-11 are as under:

(Rs. per quintal)

Crops
Minimum Support Price

Paddy (common)

1000

Jowar (hybrid)

880

Bajra

880

Maize

880

Ragi

965

Tur

3000

Moong

3170

Urad

2900

Groundnut in shell

2300

Soyabean (black)

1400

Sunflower Seed

2350

Seasamum

2900

Niger seed

2450

Sugarcane

139.12

Cotton (medium staple)

2500

Jute

1575

Fair & remunerative price at 9.5% recovery. Additional incentive @ Rs.5/- per kg. of tur, urad and moong sold to procurement agencies is payable during the harvest/arrival period of two months.

(e):Yes, Sir. Details of storage capacity for rice is not maintained separately. However, as on 15.10.2010, the Covered and Covered & Plinth (CAP) storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to store foodgrains including rice is 306.84 lakh tones, out of which 275.30 lakh tones is covered capacity. Further, as on 31.03.2010, the State Governments/agencies also have 295.50 lakh tones of covered and CAP capacity to store foodgrains including rice, out of which 151.19 Lakh tones is covered capacity. The storage facilities available with FCI and State Governments/agencies are presently sufficient to store the stock of rice purchased by the Government.