

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 64
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24/07/2026

ABSENCE OF MSP AND ASSURED PROCUREMENT OF ONION

*64. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that in absence of Minimum Support Price (MSP) and assured procurement by Government, farmers are compelled to sell their onion at or below ₹ 1/- per kg in various parts of the country and are not able to get the cost of production during current crop season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government would announce MSP for onions to ensure remunerative price; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 64 FOR 24/07/2026 REGARDING ABSENCE OF MSP AND ASSURED PROCUREMENT OF ONION

(a) & (b): To control extreme volatility of prices in essential commodities, under Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) scheme, the Government creates an annual buffer stock of onions, with the buffer targets decided each year. The procurement is undertaken in onion producing States through Implementing Agencies (NAFED and NCCF) at market price linked, Minimum Assured Procurement Price (MAPP) on the basis of Maximum and Modal prices prevailing during previous 3 trading days. Under the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) scheme, Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) procured 2.87 Lakh MT Onion in 2025-26 and has approved a procurement target of 2 Lakh MT for the year 2026-27. Currently, DoCA has fixed the Minimum Assured Procurement Price (MAPP) for procurement of Rabi Onion in Maharashtra at ₹2,125 per quintal, with effect from 4 July 2026. The details of State-wise Area, Production and yearly Modal Market Price (1st January to 16th July, 2026) of Onion for the Year 2025-26 is at Annexure.

To provide remunerative price to the farmers for agricultural and horticultural commodities including onion which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Minimum Support Price regime, the Government under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) across the country. The objective of the Scheme is to protect the farmers from distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival, when the prices tend to fall below economic levels and the cost of production, provided there is at least a 10% decrease in the ruling market prices over the previous normal year. The scheme is implemented at the request of a State/UT Government, which is ready to bear 50% of the loss (25% in case of North-Eastern States), if any, incurred on its implementation. The maximum quantity of procurement allowed is upto 25% of estimated production of the State for particular crop in a particular season.

A new component of Price Differential Payment (PDP) with an option to make direct payment of the price difference between the Market Intervention Price (MIP) and the selling price to the farmers for the crops traded in the notified Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Mandis has also been added to the Scheme. Further, in special cases, where there is a price difference of TOP crops (Tomato, Onion and Potato) between the producing and consuming States, in the interest of the farmers, the operational costs incurred by Central Nodal Agencies like National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited and State Designated Agencies in storing and transporting crops from producing State to other consuming States is reimbursed by Government of India.

(c) & (d): In view of the above, there is no proposal to announce Minimum Support Price for Onion.

Annexure

State-wise Area, Production (Second Advance Estimates) and Yearly Modal Market Price (1st January to 16th July, 2026) of Onion for the Year 2025-26

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Area (in 1000 Ha) (2nd A.E.)	Production (in 1000 MT)	Yearly modal price* (Rs. per qtls)
1	Andhra Pradesh	47.64	871.76	1066
2	Assam	8.56	118.51	2477
3	Bihar	58.44	1341.21	1991
4	Chhattisgarh	22.84	388.76	-
5	Gujarat	117.71	2606.67	1165
6	Haryana	20.75	414.92	1442
7	Himachal Pradesh	3.69	64.42	2117
8	Jammu & Kashmir	3.48	71.77	2169
9	Jharkhand	18.14	310.78	-
10	Karnataka	196.96	2153.07	1281
11	Kerala	0.01	0.03	3403
12	Madhya Pradesh	225.26	4699.11	1117
13	Maharashtra	988.73	13045.06	1191
14	Manipur	0.35	3.38	3720
15	Meghalaya	0.62	5.58	4280
16	Nagaland	0.60	5.63	1773
17	Odisha	38.88	452.27	1967
18	Punjab	11.53	274.15	4535
19	Rajasthan	105.79	1636.83	1219
20	Tamil Nadu	45.57	457.35	2815
21	Telangana	5.95	123.90	1113
22	Uttar Pradesh	45.52	809.67	1101
23	Uttarakhand	3.96	39.68	1335
24	West Bengal	41.25	822.06	1836
25	Others	1.39	20.78	-
	Total	2013.59	30737.33	

* Modal Price= price that occurs most frequently (maximum quantity) in the market.
