

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.839**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

**INPUT COST OF PADDY**

839. SHRI NANA PATOLE:  
SHRI G. M. SIDDESHWARA:  
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that input cost of paddy growers has increased manifold during the last three years and the current year, whereas the minimum support price of paddy has come down;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the paddy producing States including Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are not getting remunerative prices for their produce, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the States where farmers are not getting Minimum Support Price and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether it is true that paddy growers have committed suicide in different parts of the country including Maharashtra on account of the steep rise in the input cost of paddy production and heavy loss due to decline in minimum support price of paddy; and
- (f) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government to provide a reasonable remunerative prices to the paddy growers for their produce?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) & (b): All India Weighted Average all paid out cost of production including family labour (A2+FL) estimated by Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Paddy for last three years and current year i.e. from 2013-14 to 2016-17 are given below:

*(Rs. Per quintal)*

Year	Cost of production	MSP
2013-14	961	1310
2014-15	978	1360
2015-16	1020	1410
2016-17	1045	1470

(c) & (d): Government ensures remunerative prices to farmers by extending price support for foodgrains including paddy. All the foodgrains, including paddy conforming to the prescribed specifications offered for sale at specified centres are bought at MSP by the public procurement agencies. However, farmers have the option to sell their produce to Government procurement agencies at MSP or in the open market as is advantageous to them. MSP for paddy is applicable for all the States including Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

State-wise procurement of rice from 2013-14 to 2016-17 is given at **Annexure**.

(e) & (f): As per the report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), causes of suicides by farmers, *inter alia*, include crop failure, indebtedness, drought, socio-economic, personal reasons etc. Separate data on suicide by paddy growers is not available.

Maharashtra is not a major rice producing State. It contributes less than 3% of total rice production in the country.

In order to increase production and productivity and to ensure higher returns the Government has taken several initiatives which, *inter alia*, includes National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Soil Health Card, National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) etc.

**ANNEXURE**

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred  
Question No. 839 due for reply on 07.02.2017.**

**PROCUREMENT OF RICE**

(‘000 Tonnes)

<b>STATE</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17*</b>
ANDHRA PRADESH	3738	3596	4336	1785
TELANGANA	4353	3504	1580	1092
ASSAM	0	15	42	11
BIHAR	942	1614	1225	196
CHANDIGARH	12	10	16	13
CHHATISGARH	4290	3423	3442	4451
HARYANA	2406	2015	2861	3570
JHARKHAND	0	6	206	12
KARNATAKA	0	88	54	0
KERALA	359	374	382	129
MADHYA PRADESH	1044	807	849	1221
MAHARASHTRA	161	199	230	176
ODISHA	2820	3357	3369	1400
PUNJAB	8106	7786	9350	11044
TAMIL NADU	684	1051	1192	9
UTTARAKHAND	463	465	598	584
UTTAR PRADESH	1127	1698	2910	1399
WEST BENGAL	1359	2032	1568	120
OTHERS	0	0	8	14
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>31864</b>	<b>32040</b>	<b>34218</b>	<b>27226</b>

\* As on 31.01.2017

Source : Department of Food and Public Distribution.

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