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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1499**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

**LOW PRICE OF PADDY AND PULSES**

1499. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

- (a): whether the Government is concerned about the low price of paddy and pulses and if so, the action plan prepared by the Government to provide the farmers fair prices;
- (b): the details of paddy and pulses production during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c): whether the Government has prepared/formulated any action plan to increase the prices of paddy and pulses in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d): whether the Government has any proposal to export paddy and pulses and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): The prices of agricultural produce are determined by supply and demand conditions in the market, quality of produce, weather condition, seasonality, availability of stocks and international prices etc.etc.. The annual average wholesale prices of the paddy and major pulses for the last three years are given below:

**Table 1: Yearly Average Wholesale Prices of Paddy & Pulses**

(Rs. Per Quintal)

Commodities	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<b>Paddy</b>	1694	1703	1810
<b>Arhar Whole</b>	4371	4377	5554
<b>Moong Whole</b>	5283	5559	6632
<b>Urad Whole</b>	5771	4977	6060
<b>Gram</b>	5579	4480	4652
<b>Masur Whole</b>	4452	4170	5003

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DoAC&FW

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Government provides fair prices to farmers through procurement of crops of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) at Minimum Support Prices (MSP). In the case of cereals, Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other designated State Agencies provide price support to the farmers. The Government has implemented a new Umbrella Scheme “Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan” (PM-AASHA), comprising Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS), and pilot Scheme of Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme (PPSS) for the procurement of pulses among others.

(b): The State/UT-wise details of paddy (in terms of rice) and pulses production during last three years is given at **Annexure**.

(c): Government fixes MSPs for 22 mandated agricultural crops on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSP at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government has increased the MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops with a return of atleast 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production for the agricultural year 2018-19 and 2019-20. In line with the same principle, Government has recently (1st June 2020) announced the increase in MSP for all mandated kharif crops for marketing season 2020-21. The details of the MSP for paddy and pulses for the last three crop years are given below:

**Table 2: Minimum Support Prices of Paddy and Pulses**  
(in Rs. per quintal)

Commodity	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
PADDY (Common)	1750	1815	1868
(Grade 'A')	1770	1835	1888
ARHAR (Tur)	5675	5800	6000
MOONG	6975	7050	7196
URAD	5600	5700	6000
GRAM	4620	4875	
MASUR (LENTIL)	4475	4800	

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DoAC&FW

(d): Export of pulses is free without any quantitative restriction, while export of paddy is permitted under license subject to certain conditions.

**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1499  
due for reply on 20.09.2020.**

**State/UT wise Production of Rice during the last three years  
(Crop year)**

**('000 tonnes)**

<b>State</b>	<b>RICE</b>		
	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20*</b>
Andhra Pradesh	8166.2	8234.7	8638.1
Assam	5283.7	5220.6	5097.8
Bihar	8093.1	6155.5	6053.1
Chhattisgarh	4930.8	6526.9	6499.8
Gujarat	1890.9	1912.1	1973.2
Haryana	4523.4	4516.1	4824.3
Himachal Pradesh	114.8	114.9	116.2
Jharkhand	4078.0	2893.9	3190.7
Karnataka	3017.1	3431.0	3676.2
Kerala	521.3	578.3	614.2
Madhya Pradesh	4123.9	4494.7	4801.8
Maharashtra	2730.8	3275.7	3183.1
Odisha	6551.3	7733.7	8037.4
Punjab	13381.8	12821.6	11782.2
Rajasthan	450.9	453.2	480.5
Tamilnadu	6638.9	6130.9	7181.4
Telengana	6262.2	6670.0	7337.2
Uttar Pradesh	13274.0	15545.3	15523.7
Uttarakhand	646.7	617.6	653.6
West Bengal	14967.0	16242.2	15569.7
Others	3110.8	2909.1	3191.7
<b>All India</b>	<b>112757.6</b>	<b>116477.8</b>	<b>118425.8</b>

\* Fourth Advance Estimates

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**State/UT wise Production of Arhar (Tur) during the last three years  
(Crop year)**

('000 tonnes)

State	ARHAR		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20*
Andhra Pradesh	120.0	45.5	119.5
Assam	4.7	4.6	5.0
Bihar	28.6	31.7	33.5
Chhattisgarh	34.7	32.4	32.1
Gujarat	336.9	307.5	240.8
Haryana	4.5	2.3	1.2
Himachal Pradesh	0.02	0.02	0.04
Jharkhand	222.2	234.3	243.7
Karnataka	762.3	947.6	1093.9
Kerala	0.3	0.4	0.5
Madhya Pradesh	839.0	180.2	230.6
Maharashtra	1127.8	834.5	1052.0
Odisha	123.7	147.2	144.6
Punjab	2.7	2.4	5.2
Rajasthan	12.7	9.1	5.2
Tamilnadu	53.8	51.6	49.1
Telangana	263.3	191.5	266.4
Uttar Pradesh	331.4	272.1	279.3
Uttarakhand	3.9	2.4	2.6
West Bengal	5.9	5.6	7.3
Others	11.6	20.8	13.5
<b>All India</b>	<b>4289.8</b>	<b>3323.8</b>	<b>3826.1</b>

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**State/UT wise Production of Moong during the last three years (Crop year)  
( '000 tonnes)**

State	MOONG		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20*
Andhra Pradesh	91.9	84.7	84.7
Assam	8.0	7.7	10.0
Bihar	125.7	118.5	119.8
Chhattisgarh	6.3	5.8	4.0
Gujarat	84.7	49.1	96.8
Haryana	24.4	12.5	12.0
Himachal Pradesh	0.1	0.1	0.1
Jharkhand	23.6	22.7	19.2
Karnataka	135.3	142.6	121.1
Kerala	0.0	0.0	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	265.8	280.3	207.2
Maharashtra	158.5	203.8	139.8
Odisha	91.5	70.8	78.0
Punjab	18.5	16.7	21.3
Rajasthan	742.5	1222.2	1303.3
Tamilnadu	78.2	76.8	73.2
Telengana	64.5	48.2	53.1
Uttar Pradesh	45.9	55.7	48.1
Uttarakhand	0.0	0.0	0.0
West Bengal	51.8	31.8	57.7
Others	5.9	5.4	6.6
<b>All India</b>	<b>2023.2</b>	<b>2455.4</b>	<b>2455.9</b>

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**State/UT wise Production of Urad during the last three years (Crop year)  
( '000 tonnes)**

State	URAD		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20*
Andhra Pradesh	370.9	310.6	340.5
Assam	39.8	39.8	44.0
Bihar	7.1	7.3	6.4
Chhattisgarh	31.2	29.3	24.8
Gujarat	86.5	73.6	71.1
Haryana	0.0	0.4	0.0
Himachal Pradesh	4.6	4.7	4.7
Jharkhand	128.6	108.2	113.0
Karnataka	68.8	42.9	31.5
Kerala	0.0	0.0	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	1347.8	1190.7	503.3
Maharashtra	121.4	154.4	128.7
Odisha	28.7	19.0	18.0
Punjab	0.9	1.1	1.8
Rajasthan	523.7	376.1	123.5
Tamilnadu	301.6	274.5	283.6
Telengana	31.1	30.2	25.9
Uttar Pradesh	314.0	325.3	248.9
Uttarakhand	10.6	10.4	11.3
West Bengal	63.1	51.9	52.3
Others	11.9	9.6	7.3
<b>All India</b>	<b>3492.4</b>	<b>3060.0</b>	<b>2040.7</b>

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**State/UT wise Production of Gram during the last three years (Crop year)**

('000 tonnes)

State	GRAM		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20*
Andhra Pradesh	588.6	242.8	559.6
Assam	1.6	1.6	1.4
Bihar	67.2	67.7	44.5
Chhattisgarh	320.9	329.9	88.2
Gujarat	376.5	234.9	638.3
Haryana	36.0	62.2	47.1
Himachal Pradesh	0.4	0.4	0.4
Jharkhand	285.7	221.2	270.5
Karnataka	783.0	574.5	824.5
Kerala	1.7	0.5	0.5
Madhya Pradesh	4595.0	3996.7	2482.0
Maharashtra	1834.3	1396.9	2598.0
Odisha	25.6	23.8	21.7
Punjab	2.0	2.5	4.3
Rajasthan	1688.9	1839.5	2660.1
Tamilnadu	4.8	5.4	4.1
Telengana	147.1	163.2	205.3
Uttar Pradesh	578.7	727.6	851.4
Uttarakhand	0.8	0.8	0.8
West Bengal	36.8	42.3	43.0
Others	3.6	3.7	4.4
<b>All India</b>	<b>11379.2</b>	<b>9938.0</b>	<b>11350.1</b>

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**State/UT wise Production of Masur(Lentil) during the last three years  
(Crop year)**

('000 tonnes)

State	LENTIL		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20*
Andhra Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.0
Assam	21.0	19.6	18.6
Bihar	147.6	148.1	120.8
Chhattisgarh	4.6	5.0	3.5
Gujarat	0.0	0.0	0.0
Haryana	0.9	0.8	0.9
Himachal Pradesh	0.4	0.4	0.4
Jharkhand	62.5	50.1	54.0
Karnataka	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kerala	0.0	0.0	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	679.0	329.6	317.2
Maharashtra	0.0	0.0	0.0
Odisha	5.6	5.1	4.9
Punjab	0.5	0.5	1.4
Rajasthan	33.7	23.0	23.5
Tamilnadu	0.0	0.0	0.0
Telengana	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uttar Pradesh	498.0	488.4	452.8
Uttarakhand	7.0	9.7	9.6
West Bengal	154.9	141.4	163.4
Others	6.1	6.1	5.8
<b>All India</b>	<b>1621.8</b>	<b>1227.8</b>	<b>1176.9</b>

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