

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2720
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

ISSUES RELATED TO PADDY FARMERS

2720. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

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

- (a) the quantum of paddy production in the country during the last three years till date, State-wise/year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that that input cost of paddy farmers has increased manifold during the last three years and the current year, whereas the Minimum Support Price of paddy has not been accordingly revised;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the highest paddy producing State like Telangana is not getting remunerative prices for their paddy produce, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of the States where farmers are not getting Minimum Support Price for paddy and the corrective steps taken in this regard; and
- (f) the remedial measures taken to provide reasonable remunerative prices to the paddy farmers for their produce?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (f) : The quantum of paddy production (in terms of rice) in the country during the last three years till date, State-wise/year-wise is given at **Annexure – I**

To provide remunerative prices to paddy farmers, the Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of 22 mandated agricultural crops, including two varieties of paddy, Paddy (Common) and Paddy (Grade A), on the basis of recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors.

Cost of production is one of the important factors in the determination of MSP. While recommending MSP, the CACP considers cost of production, overall demand-supply situations of various crops in domestic and world markets, domestic and international prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, likely effect of price policy on rest of economy and a minimum of 50 percent as the margin over cost of production. 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 at least 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production from the agricultural year 2018-19.

Accordingly, the Government has increased the MSP of Paddy (Common) for 2021-22 season and fixed it at Rs.1940 per quintal and Paddy (Grade A) to Rs.1960 per quintal. The MSP of paddy for 2021-22 season provides 50% return over the CACP's estimated all India weighted average cost of production including family labour.

Annexure - I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q No.2720 Due for reply on 14.12.2021

Production of Rice (in 000' Tonnes)

States/ UTs	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 #	2021-22 *
Andhra Pradesh	8234.67	8658.88	7887.18	5177.03
Arunachal Pradesh	240.00	244.73	\$	\$
Assam	5220.62	4984.63	5255.41	4187.29
Bihar	6155.51	6297.99	6881.76	6538.51
Chhattisgarh	6526.86	6774.77	7161.20	7073.03
Goa	98.84	90.39	\$	\$
Gujarat	1912.08	1983.05	2147.23	1862.96
Haryana	4516.09	4824.30	4424.88	4490.68
Himachal Pradesh	114.90	143.79	145.65	178.82
Jammu & Kashmir	615.80	587.02	\$	\$
Jharkhand	2893.86	3012.80	3023.49	2973.42
Karnataka	3431.01	3634.48	4053.48	2765.07
Kerala	578.26	605.57	651.00	399.09
Madhya Pradesh	4494.74	4778.15	4414.58	5428.08
Maharashtra	3275.69	2897.59	3447.95	3455.69
Manipur	401.62	385.50	\$	\$
Meghalaya	201.98	303.44	\$	\$
Mizoram	60.01	60.01	\$	\$
Nagaland	356.69	363.31	\$	\$
Odisha	7733.70	8360.37	8765.29	7588.34
Punjab	12821.60	11779.28	12176.77	12062.61
Rajasthan	453.18	480.53	634.00	539.40
Sikkim	17.18	16.14	\$	\$
Tamil Nadu	6130.93	7171.14	7283.31	5319.45
Telangana	6670.01	7427.77	7699.67	5426.59
Tripura	793.18	810.24	\$	\$
Uttar Pradesh	15545.28	15517.80	15663.53	16211.16
Uttarakhand	617.56	658.38	714.40	696.38
West Bengal	16242.21	15881.44	16648.52	12020.13
A & N Islands	11.44	17.98	\$	\$
Chandigarh	0.00	4.40	\$	\$
D & N Haveli	30.31	36.28	\$	\$
Delhi	16.83	16.80	\$	\$
Daman & Diu	1.82	2.03	\$	\$
Puducherry	63.34	59.35	\$	\$
Others	NA	NA	3186.11	2646.80
All India	116477.82	118870.32	122265.42	107040.50

As per Fourth Advance Estimates

* As per First Advance Estimates (Kharif only)

\$ Included in Others NA – Not Available