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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1212**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

**TRADERS REFUSAL TO PAY MSP TO COTTON AND PADDY FARMERS**

**1212. SHRI JAI PARKASH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by cotton and paddy farmers as the traders refuse to give Minimum Support Price (MSP) especially in the State of Haryana, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the extent to which the Government intends to increase the Minimum Support Price of Kharif crops within the next one year, as is being continuously promised, along with the Cropwise and State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the implementation process for stocking the paddy crop by the Government, along with State and District-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the systematic measures being taken by the Government to provide debt relief to farmers ?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Every year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops including cotton and paddy for the country as a whole including Haryana, based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned.

Procurement of Paddy under MSP operations is mandatorily being carried out through state online portal which has brought substantial transparency in the process with introduction of registration of farmers for sale of their produce at govt. procuring centers/mandis, online land /crop verification and online payment of MSP directly into the farmer's bank account (DBT). During the current Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2024-25 (upto 05.01.2025) 53.72 Lakh Metric Tones (LMT) of paddy has been procured from the state of Haryana for which MSP value of Rs. 12,463.32 crore has been paid which benefitted 3.1 lakh farmers.

Procurement of cotton is undertaken by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) whenever market prices of cotton fall below the MSP. During current marketing season 2024-25, CCI has opened more than 507 procurement centres in 152 districts in all cotton-growing states, including 21 cotton procurement centres in 9 districts of Haryana. As on 05.02.2025, CCI has procured about 2 lakh quintal kapas (equivalent to 0.38 lakh bales) from Haryana and Rs. 135 crores was paid which benefited 7000 farmers.

(b): Every year Government announces increased MSP of 22 mandated crops at a level of at least 50% more than the cost of production. The details of increase in Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of Kharif crops entitled to farmers of the country as a whole, including Haryana, during 2024-25 in comparison to 2023-24, are given at **Annexure I**.

(c): The Procurement of Paddy for Central Pool by State Govt. agencies including Food Corporation of India (FCI) is progressing smoothly during KMS 2024-25(Kharif) and the State-wise quantity of paddy procured up to 05.02.2025 for Central Pool are given at **Annexure II**.

(d): In order to provide affordable and easy institutional credit to farmers, the government is implementing several schemes including 100% centrally funded Central Sector Scheme known as the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) across various States and UTs in India. This scheme aims to provide concessional interest rates on short-term agricultural loans obtained by farmers through Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) for their working capital requirements. Under this scheme, farmers receive KCC loans at a subsidized interest rate of 7%. To facilitate this, an up front interest subvention (IS) of 1.5% is provided to financial institutions. Additionally, farmers who repay their loans promptly receive a 3% Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI), effectively reducing the interest rate to 4% per annum. The benefits of IS and PRI are available for loan limits up to Rs.3 lakhs. However, if the short-term loan is taken for allied activities (other than crop husbandry), the loan amount is limited to Rs.2 lakhs only. During the last 10 years from 2014-2024, Rs 1.45 lakh crore has been provided to farmers as interest subvention under MISS.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 1212  
due for reply on 11.02.2025

### Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of Kharif Crops

(According to crop year) (Rs. per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2023-24	2024-25	Increase in MSP 2024-25 over 2023-24
	<b>KHARIF CROPS</b>				
1	PADDY	Common	2183	2300	117 (5.4)
		Grade 'A'	2203	2320	117(5.3)
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	3180	3371	191(6.0)
		Maldandi	3225	3421	196(6.1)
3	BAJRA		2500	2625	125(5.0)
4	RAGI		3846	4290	444(11.5)
5	MAIZE		2090	2225	135(6.5)
6	TUR (ARHAR)		7000	7550	550(7.9)
7	MOONG		8558	8682	124(1.4)
8	URAD		6950	7400	450(6.5)
9	GROUNDNUT		6377	6783	406(6.4)
10	SUNFLOWER SEED		6760	7280	520(7.7)
11	SOYABEEN (yellow)		4600	4892	292(6.3)
12	SESAMUM		8635	9267	632(7.3)
13	NIGERSEED		7734	8717	983(12.7)
14	COTTON	Medium Staple	6620	7121	501(7.6)
		Long Staple	7020	7521	501(7.1)

Note: Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.

**Annexure II**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 1212  
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<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of states</b>	<b>Quantity of paddy procured (In LMT)</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	21.08
2	Telangana	53.95
3	Assam	1.75
4	Bihar	28.14
5	Chandigarh	0.26
6	Chhattishgarh	104.48
7	Gujarat	0.35
8	Haryana	53.72
9	Himachal Pradesh	0.37
10	Jharkhand	0.11
11	J&K	0.33
12	Kerala	1.47
13	Madhya Pradesh	43.53
14	Maharashtra	8.54
15	Odisha	48.47
16	Punjab	173.33
17	Tripura	0.17
18	Tamilnadu	9.44
19	Uttar Pradesh	54.83
20	Uttarakhand	6.73
21	West Bengal	21.92
	<b>Total</b>	<b>632.97</b>

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