

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2773
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MARCH, 2026

MSP BONUS FOR PADDY FARMERS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has directed the State Government of Kerala to discontinue the additional bonus over Minimum Support Price (MSP) being paid to paddy farmers and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that paddy cultivation in the state is steadily declining and the paddy farmers are struggling to continue cultivation
- (c) whether the move to discontinue the MSP bonus will further worsen the situation, and if so, the Government will give exemption to the State of Kerala;
- (d) the number and the details of the states where the additional bonus over MSP is provided for paddy and wheat, and
- (e) the details of the growth rate of paddy cultivation in the State Kerala, and if there is a declining trend during the last few years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (e): A letter dated 9th January 2026 was written by Secretary (Expenditure) to the Chief Secretaries of the States containing certain suggestions for the State Governments to align their bonus policies with national priorities.

As per information received from Kerala Government, the Government of Kerala has no proposal to review or withdraw the existing policy of providing an incentive bonus over and above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy.

Various state governments have declared bonus over Minimum Support Price (MSP) including Government of Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Telangana, West Bengal, Odisha and Assam for paddy for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2024-25 and Government of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan for wheat for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2025-26.

Rice production in Kerala shows a fluctuating trend during the period 2021-22 to 2024-25. Production increased from 4.87 lakh tonnes in 2021-22 to 5.96 lakh tonnes in 2022-23 and declined to 4.98 lakh tonnes in 2023-24 and then increased to 5.16 lakh tonnes in 2024-25.
