

Need to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) on wheat ? Laid

DR. AMAR SINGH (FATEHGARH SAHIB): This year for the first time paddy procurement has been completely de-railed. It's unfortunate that I met the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, food and public distribution in July and told him that you need to create space for fresh stock or you will have problems. I met the Minister of Chemical and Fertilisers and told him in August that Punjab has very low DAP stocks and was promised that there would be no shortage. I am surprised that no proactive step is being taken to ensure smooth procurement of DAP. The shortage has hurt everyone involved from farmers to arthiyas to labourers to the millers. Farmers and our labourers deserve our respect and we need to solve their issues instead of blaming them for everything. Given the lower yield and lower earnings this season, Government of India should increase the wheat MSP significantly by Rs.400-500.