

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1858
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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF ONION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minimum Support price (MSP) of onions is very less than the prices at which onion are being imported by the Government to meet the domestic demand;
- (b) if so, the MSP fixed by the Government for onion during 2005-06 and the price at which the onions are imported;
- (c) whether by giving the benefit to farmers for their produce and keep the buffer stock intact, Government proposes to fix the MSP of onions at par with the price at which it is imported;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a): There is no Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed for Onion. The Government did not import onion during this (2005-06).
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c)to(e): There is no proposal forwarded by the Government for fixing MSP of Onion.