

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated paddy production during 2005-06, State-wise;
- (b) whether the prices of paddy are not even compatible with the cost of its production;
- (c) if so, the details are the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of farmers by providing them adequate remunerative prices of paddy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) : As per the 1st advance estimates for 2005-06, the production of kharif paddy is placed at 110.75 million tonnes. The State-wise details are given in the Annexure-I. No estimates are available for the rabi paddy production during 2005-06 as of now.

(b) and (c) : The State-wise cost of production (C2) and minimum wholesale prices of paddy are given in the Annexure-II. It may be seen from the annexure, although the wholesale prices of paddy vary from state to state, the minimum price in all the states is much higher than the cost of production.

(d): The Government's price policy for agricultural commodities seeks to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production, and to safeguard the interest of consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices. The price policy also seeks to evolve a balanced and integrated price structure in the perspective of the overall needs of the economy. Towards this end, the Government announces each season Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities and organizes purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies. The designated central nodal agencies intervene in the market for undertaking procurement operations with the objective that the market prices do not fall below the MSPs fixed by the Government.

Annexure-I

State-wise production of kharif paddy during 2005-06

State Production of Kharif Paddy
(`000 Tonnes)
(1) (2)

Andhra Pradesh	9593
Assam	4535
Bihar	5255
Chhattisgarh	5420
Gujarat	1391
Haryana	4481
Himachal Pradesh	197
Jammu & Kashmir	647
Jharkhand	2486
Karnataka	3492
Kerala	873
Madhya Pradesh	1914
Maharashtra	3536
Orissa	7980
Punjab	14273
Rajasthan	285
Tamilnadu	8285
Uttar Pradesh	16509
Uttranchal	923
West Bengal	16200

Others 2486
All-India 110754

Annexure-II

State	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03
	Cost of	Minimum Whole	Cost of	Minimum Whole
	Production Sale	Prices	Production Sale	Prices
	(C2)	(Rs./Qtl)	(C2)	(Rs./Qtl)
	(Rs./Qtl)	(Rs./Qtl)	(Rs./Qtl)	(Rs./Qtl)
Andhra Pradesh	538.35	750.00	543.71	775.00
Assam	495.29	780.00	504.89	800.00
Bihar	406.54	700.00	484.08	675.00
Haryana	596.03	850.00	682.86	800.00
Karnataka	590.41	810.00	603.57	730.00
Kerala	597.91	1065.00	630.19	1070.00
Madhya Pradesh	592.74	850.00	690.26	825.00
Orissa	433.05	680.00	539.53	630.00
Punjab	392.91	900.00	498.12	900.00
Tamil Nadu	567.74	850.00	615.1	850.00
Uttar Pradesh	447.37	650.00	528.88	650.00
West Bengal	499.67	900.00	549.06	900.00