

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1573  
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FALL IN PRICES OF ONION IN RAJASTHAN  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether increased production of onion in Rajasthan has caused heavy down fall in prices;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide better price for onion to the farmers on the basis of cost of production; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to give relief to these farmers who are now in debt?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of 5000 MT onion at the Market Intervention Price of Rs.280/- per Qtl. was approved to be operative from 11.06.2004 to 10.07.2004 and to be implemented by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) as the Central Agency and Rajasthan State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. (RAJFED) as the State Agency.