

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR PADDY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has announced the Minimum Support Price of paddy for the year 2006-07;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers have demanded for increase of support price;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (e) whether the Government has also announced dual price policy for paddy so that whenever there is increase in price of paddy in the open market, the support price may automatically be increased;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the names of States where dual price for paddy is being implemented; and
- (h) the time by which it is likely to be implemented in all the States?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Government has recently announced the Minimum Support Prices for Kharif crops, including paddy, of 2006-07 season. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Paddy (common) has been fixed at Rs.580 per quintal and for Paddy (Grade A) at Rs.610 per quintal.

(c) to (h): Such requests have been received by the Government. Higher than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) is offered to the farmers to ensure that the required quantity of foodgrains are procured to meet the commitments under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other foodgrains based welfare schemes.