

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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PAYMENT OF BONUS ON PROCUREMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has procured wheat from the farmers after making payment of bonus price in addition to payment of Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to give bonus to farmers on the procurement of paddy and agricultural genes also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a) & (b): Yes sir. An incentive Bonus of Rs. 50/- per quintal on wheat over the MSP of Rs. 650 per quintal was announced on 21.4.2006 for the entire Rabi Marketing Season 2006-07.
- (c), (d) & (e): A proposal to purchase foodgrains at a rate higher than the MSP has been formulated in the Department of Food and Public Distribution to ensure that the required quantity of foodgrains are procured to meet the commitments under the TPDS and other foodgrains based welfare schemes.