

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:74  
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2006  
PROCUREMENT PRICE OF WHEAT  
Singh Shri Mohan

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has adopted a new policy of determining the procurement price of wheat for the year 2007 much before the commencement of procurement season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said policy is proposed to be continued for the future also;
- (d) if so, the whether the policy will be extended to other crops as well;
- (e) if so, the reasons for delay in declaration of procurement prices of other crops of Rabi season;
- (f) whether the target for procurement of paddy has been increased for Government stocks this year; and
- (g) if so, the extent of increase affected this year in comparison to the previous year?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 74 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2006.

(a) to (e): The procurement price is considered keeping in view the emerging situation in the peak marketing season. In the past, a higher price was offered, specially in the case of wheat, by providing a bonus over and above MSP fixed by the Government. However, the Minimum Support Price for the rabi crops of 2006-07 season to be marketed in 2007-08 have already been fixed on 27/30th October, 2006. The details are as under:

Crop      Minimum Support Price  
(Rs. per quintal)

Wheat	750
Barley	565
Gram	1445
Masur (lentil)	1545
Rapeseed/Mustard	1715
Safflower	1565

(f) & (g): According to the estimates given by the State Food Secretaries during the Kharif Meeting held on 26th August, 2006, it is estimated that 270 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) is expected to be procured in Kharif Marketing Season 2006-07 in comparison to 276.56 lakh tonnes purchased in Kharif Marketing Season 2005-06.