

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:367  
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2006  
PROCUREMENT OF VEGETABLES UNDER MIS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether there has been a fall in the prices of certain vegetables, particularly tomato and potato in the recent past ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;
- (c) Whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Governments to procure these commodities under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS); and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 367 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2006.

(a)&(b) : Wholesale prices – A comparative position of the average monthly wholesale prices of Potato and tomato prevailing in the major markets is given below, for the period January – Naovember, 2005 and 2006:

MONTHLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF POTATO AND TOMATO IN THE MAJOR MARKETS OF THE COUNTRY

(Rs./Qtl)

	POTATO		TOMATO	
MONTH	2005	2006	2005	2006
January	325	624	525	456
February	317	526	517	456
March	354	554	582	486
April	491	594	682	470
May	536	651	666	642
June	562	685	546	1289
July	584	691	909	993
August	574	713	1003	963
September	573	800	985	1126
October	661	886	984	1038
November	831	937	1050	740
December	768	628		

=Not available  
Source : National Horticulture Board

Retail Prices - Month-end Retail Prices of Potato and Tomato for selected Centres for the period January to November, 2006, are also enclosed. (Annexure-I).

(c)&(d) : No such proposal has been received from any of the State Government.