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Title: Need to increase the Minimum Support Price for paddy.

SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA (HISAR): The meagre hike of Rs.50/- per quintal in the Minimum Support Price for Paddy from Rs.1360/- to 1410/-for the year 2015-16 is grossly inadequate and unjustifiable. The government has announced that this decision has been taken based on the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). But, the meagre hike of 3.7% for MSP to paddy would not improve the fortune of the farmers who are already stuck in unexpected miseries like floods, drought, shortage of fertilizers and overall increase in the input cost of production. As a result of this, they continue to be debt-ridden every year. The Swaminathan Commission's report had already urged that the farmers shall be paid 50% profit over the actual cost of production. Therefore, I would like to urge the government to increase the Minimum Support Price for Paddy to Rs. 2500/- per quintal so as to protect the farmers in the country.