

tional staff expenditure and as important segments of tourism fell into the State sector, it was not found feasible to set up the National Tourism Board and the tourism cadre.

**Increase in procurement prices of foodgrains**

137 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions when procurement prices of foodgrains were increased since 1985 together with the details thereof; and

(b) what were the reasons for increasing the prices each time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) The procurement/minimum support prices of foodgrains have been revised by the Government every crop season since 1985-86. The procurement/minimum support prices announced for the 1989-90 kharif and rabi crops were revised in October, 1989 and April, 1990 respec-

tively. Details are given in the statement annexed (See below)

(b) The procurement/minimum support prices are revised every season after considering the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). In recommending the price policy, the CACP takes into account a number of factors including changes in cost of production, input prices, demand and supply, inter-crop price parity, effect on cost of living, parity between prices paid and prices received, etc.

The procurement/minimum support prices for kharif crops of 1989-90 were revised to compensate the farmers for the increase in the prices of inputs and general price rise between the commencement of the sowing season and the arrival of crops in the market. The procurement/minimum support prices of rabi crops of 1989-90 were revised after the Government decided to adopt the revised methodology for estimation of cost of production of crops, which is one of the factors considered by the CACP in formulating price policy for agricultural commodities.

**Statement**

**Procurement/Minimum Support Prices**

Sl. No.	Crop	(Rs. per quintal)							
		1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90 A R	1990-91	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>1. Paddy</b>									
	(i) Common	137	142	146	150	160	175	185	205
	(ii) Fine	141	146	150	154	170	185	195	215
	(iii) Superfine	145	150	154	158	180	195	205	225
<b>2. Wheat</b>		157	162	166	173	183	200	215	225
<b>3. Coarse Cereals</b> (Jowar, Bajra, Maize and Ragi)		130	130	132	135	145	155	165	180
<b>4. Barley</b>		130	132	135	135	145	160	180	190
<b>5. Kharif Pulses</b> (Tur (Arhar) Moong & Urad)		275	300	320	325	360	400	425	480
<b>6. Gram</b>		N.A.	260	280	290	325	370	421	450

N.A.— Not Announced.

A. — Announced.

R. — Revised.