

Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). ISOPOM is implemented in 14 major oilseeds growing States to increase the production of oilseeds. The Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme provides assistance for oilseeds development to the States not covered under ISOPOM. Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), the States can support crop development activities approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State.

MSP for wheat

936. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in order to help the farmers to meet increasing cost of inputs, Government has decided to raise the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat;
- (b) if so, to what extent and the revised MSP for wheat;
- (c) the likely production of wheat in the country this year and the comparative wheat production during the last three years; and
- (d) the wheat procurement by Government agencies in these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):
(a) and (b) The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for agricultural commodities, including wheat seeks to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for encouraging higher production. The Government fixes the MSPs for agricultural produce, *inter-alia*, taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of concerned State Government and Central Ministries. The recommendation of CACP is based on important factors such as cost of production, changes in input prices etc. The MSP for wheat has been raised by Rs. 20 per quintal to Rs. 1100 per quintal for 2009-10 season.

(c) and (d) The production and procurement of wheat since 2006-07 is given below:—

| Year | Production | Procurement |
|---------|------------|-------------|
| 2006-07 | 75.81 | 9.23 |
| 2007-08 | 78.57 | 11.13 |
| 2008-09 | 80.58* | 22.69 |

(million tonnes)

*Fourth Advance Estimate.

Gas and pipeline network for revival of fertilizer plants

937. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: