

**MSP of paddy**

1388. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced to increase only ₹ 50 in MSP for paddy 2015 kharif season;
- (b) if so, the basis on which increase in MSP for paddy has been declared;
- (c) whether Government is aware that increase in MSP of paddy is not in accordance with increase in its cost of production; and
- (d) if so, whether Government would review the declared MSP for paddy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

**MSP for potato and onion**

1389. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would bring agriculture produces like potato and onion under Minimum Support Price, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the reasons that farmers are compelled to sell their produces at lower price than their production cost and for committing suicide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) Government has no proposal to bring agriculture produces like Potato and Onion under Minimum Support Price as they are already covered under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). MIS is implemented for various horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under Price Support Scheme (PSS).

(b) Prices of agricultural commodities, including Potato and Onion, by and large are governed by the market forces of demand and supply. In addition to this, they also