

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1820
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2026

AVERAGE MANDI PRICE OF WHEAT

1820 SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that as of May 2026, the average mandi price of wheat in Punjab was Rs. 2479 per quintal below notified Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs. 2585 per quintal and that paddy prices were recorded 4.81% below MSP leaving thousands of farmers in distress and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that wheat procurement in Punjab for the 2026-27 Rabi Marketing Season had fallen by 69% in the first fortnight of April 2026 due to quality issues arising from unseasonal rain;
- (c) the details of the breakup of the gap between MSP notified prices and average mandi realisation prices for key crops grown in Punjab wheat, paddy, moong, arhar, maize and mustard during the last five years; year-wise;
- (d) whether any mechanism exists to legally guarantee farmers the MSP as a floor price across all mandis including through penal provisions against below-MSP transactions by private traders; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(a): The procurement of wheat and paddy in Punjab by Government procurement agencies is undertaken at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government of India. During the Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2026-27, the Government agencies procured wheat at the MSP of Rs. 2,585/quintal. The average mandi price of wheat in Punjab during May, 2026 was Rs. 2,597 per quintal which was above the notified MSP.

The average mandi price of paddy recorded during the year 2025 in Punjab was Rs. 2,389 per quintal which was also higher than the MSP of paddy.

(b): During the first fortnight of April 2026, 2.47 LMT of wheat was procured, which was 23% lower than the procurement of 3.23 LMT during the corresponding period of the previous year. Thereafter, in the interest of the farmers of Punjab, Government of India granted relaxation in specifications of wheat for RMS 2026-27 on 17th April, 2026 to ensure timely procurement of rain affected wheat.

(c): The details of the year wise breakup of the gap between MSP notified prices and average mandi realization prices for key crops grown in Punjab during the last five years, year-wise are at **Annexure**.

(d) & (e): Every year, Government of India fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops for the country as a whole, based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned. The 22 mandated crops include 14 Kharif crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur (arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton and 6 Rabi crops viz. wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed & mustard, safflower and two commercial crops viz jute and copra.

While recommending MSPs, CACP considers important factors like cost of production, overall demand-supply conditions, domestic and international prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, the likely effect on the rest of the economy, besides ensuring rational utilization of land, water and other production resources.

Government, in its Union Budget for 2018-19, had made an announcement to keep MSP at a level of minimum one and half times of the cost of production as a pre-determined principle. Accordingly, MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops have been fixed with a margin of at least 50 percent over weighted average cost of production.

Government's price policy is to ensure remunerative prices to farmers by offering to procure their produce at MSP. However, farmers are free to sell their produce to the Government procurement agencies at MSP or in the open market, whichever is advantageous to them.

Wheat:

Punjab-Wheat_Year wise Report for 01-Jan-2021 to 20-Jul-2026								
State/UT	Commodity Group	Commodity	Year	MSP	Arrival Quantity (in MT)	Min Price (in Rs/Qtl)	Modal Price (in Rs/Qtl)	Max Price (in RS/Qtl)
Punjab	Cereals	Wheat	2021	1,975	7,670,099.25	1,974	1,975	1,976
Punjab	Cereals	Wheat	2022	2,015	4,499,525.72	2,015	2,015	2,019
Punjab	Cereals	Wheat	2023	2,125	5,087,793.80	2,125	2,126	2,125
Punjab	Cereals	Wheat	2024	2,275	5,891,119.48	2,276	2,276	2,275
Punjab	Cereals	Wheat	2025	2,425	4,555,525.17	2,424	2,425	2,419
Punjab	Cereals	Wheat	2026	2,585	5,296,617.18	2,624	2,628	2,632

Source: As per the APMC market nodes reported data on the Agmarknet portal

Paddy(Common):

Punjab-Paddy(Common)_Year wise Report for 01-Jan-2021 to 20-Jul-2026								
State/UT	Commodity Group	Commodity	Year	MSP(rs/Qtl)	Arrival Quantity (in MT)	Min Price (in Rs/Qtl)	Modal Price (in Rs/Qtl)	Max Price (in Rs/Qtl)
Punjab	Cereals	Paddy(Common)	2021	1,940	7,335,772.34	1,960	1,960	1,961
Punjab	Cereals	Paddy(Common)	2022	2,040	6,345,807.17	2,061	2,062	2,063
Punjab	Cereals	Paddy(Common)	2023	2,183	6,290,092.97	2,204	2,204	2,205
Punjab	Cereals	Paddy(Common)	2024	2,300	7,094,721.57	2,322	2,328	2,332
Punjab	Cereals	Paddy(Common)	2025	2,369	6,645,814.55	2,388	2,389	2,387

Source: As per the APMC market nodes reported data on the Agmarknet portal

Greengram(Moong):

Punjab-Moong(whole)_Year wise Report from 01-Jan-2021 to 20-Jul-2026								
State/UT	Commodity Group	Commodity	Year	MSP	Yearly Mandi Arrival Quantity (in MT)	Min Price (in RS/Qtl)	Modal Price (in Rs/Qtl)	Max Price (in Rs/Qtl)
Punjab	Pulses	Green Gram(Moong)(Whole)	2022	7,755	4,426.00	4,328	5,522	7,275
Punjab	Pulses	Green Gram(Moong)(Whole)	2023	8,558	8,548.40	4,358	6,607	7,136
Punjab	Pulses	Green Gram(Moong)(Whole)	2024	8,682	5,381.56	5,341	6,789	7,366
Punjab	Pulses	Green Gram(Moong)(Whole)	2025	8,768	4,614.32	5,500	6,236	6,736
Punjab	Pulses	Green Gram(Moong)(Whole)	2026	8,768	2,314.50	4,912	7,336	7,601

Source: As per the APMC market nodes reported data on the Agmarknet portal

RedgramArhar Whole:

Punjab-Arhar(whole)_Year wise Report from 01-Jan-2021 to 20-Jul-2026								
State/UT	Commodity Group	Commodity	Year	MSP	Arrival Quantity (in MT)	Min Price (in MT)	Modal Price (in MT)	Max Price (in MT)
Punjab	Pulses	Red gram/Arhar/Tur(whole)	2021	6,300	23.70	1,960	1,960	1,960
Punjab	Pulses	Red gram/Arhar/Tur(whole)	2022	6,600	7.70	2,060	2,060	2,060

Source: As per the APMC market nodes reported data on the Agmarknet portal

Maize:

Punjab-Maize_Year wise Report from 01-Jan-2021 to 20-Jul-2026								
State/UT	Commodity Group	Commodity	Year	MSP	Arrival Quantity (in MT)	Min Price (in Rs/Qtl)	Modal Price (in Rs/Qtl)	Max Price (in Rs/Qtl)
Punjab	Cereals	Maize	2021	1,870	35,397.18	1,349	1,497	1,530
Punjab	Cereals	Maize	2022	1,962	80,639.28	1,482	1,706	1,891
Punjab	Cereals	Maize	2023	2,090	131,462.28	1,181	1,432	1,637
Punjab	Cereals	Maize	2024	2,225	245,872.05	1,859	2,115	2,267
Punjab	Cereals	Maize	2025	2,400	150,762.50	1,626	1,987	2,144
Punjab	Cereals	Maize	2026	2,400	183,076.69	1,600	1,867	2,120

Source: As per the APMC market nodes reported data on the Agmarknet portal

Mustard:

Punjab-Mustard_Year wise Report										
State/UT	Commodity Group	Commodity	Year	MSP	Arrival Quantity 01-01-2021 to 20-07-2026	Arrival Unit	Min Price 01-01-2021 to 20-07-2026	Modal Price 01-01-2021 to 20-07-2026	Max Price 01-01-2021 to 20-07-2026	Price Unit
Punjab	Oil Seeds	Mustard	2022	5,050	179.75	Metric Tonnes	5,746	5,959	6,122	Rs./Quintal
Punjab	Oil Seeds	Mustard	2023	5,450	236.40	Metric Tonnes	4,790	4,956	5,135	Rs./Quintal
Punjab	Oil Seeds	Mustard	2024	5,650	1,628.01	Metric Tonnes	4,600	5,186	5,461	Rs./Quintal
Punjab	Oil Seeds	Mustard	2025	5,950	3,568.27	Metric Tonnes	5,509	5,704	5,864	Rs./Quintal
Punjab	Oil Seeds	Mustard	2026	6,200	1,188.19	Metric Tonnes	6,454	6,586	6,745	Rs./Quintal

Source: As per the APMC market nodes reported data on the Agmarknet portal