

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1152
ANSWERED ON-27.07.2018

DISTRESS SALE OF TOMATO, ONION AND POTATO BY FARMERS

1152. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM:
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched or planning to launch any programme that aims to end distress sales of tomato, onion and potato by farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the other alternative measures Government has taken/proposes to take to end farmers' distress?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (c): Yes sir. In pursuance to the recent Budget announcements, this ministry is formulating a new Scheme to launch "Operation Greens" for tomato, onion and potato crops to promote Farmer Producers Organization (FPOs), agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management with an allocation of Rs.500 crore. Presently, the ministry is doing inter-ministerial consultations for finalizing the scheme.
