GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 56
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5/2/2021

LEGAL GUARANTEE ENSURING MSP TO FARMERS

56 Shri Neeraj Dangi:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to implement a legal guarantee ensuring Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers on their crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures Government would undertake to prevent procurement outside mandis below the MSP; and

(d) the steps Government would take in the cases of procurement below the MSP outside mandis?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 56 FOR 5.2.2021 REGARDING LEGAL GUARANTEE ENSURING MSP TO FARMERS.

(a) & (b) : Government of India announces Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 22 major agricultural commodities of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) each year in both the Crop seasons after taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). Government also extends remunerative price to farmers through its various interventions schemes.

(c) & (d): The procurement at MSP is being done by Central and State Agencies under various schemes of Government. Besides, the overall market also responds to declaration of MSP and Government's procurement operations which results in private procurement on or above the MSP for various notified crops. For making effective procurement by Government agencies at MSP procurement centres are opened by respective State Government Agencies and Central Nodal Agencies like NAFED, FCI etc. after taking into account the production, marketable surplus, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics/ infrastructure such as storage and transportation etc. Large number of the purchase centres in addition to the existing Mandis and depots/godowns are also established at key points for the convenience of farmers.

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