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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17/12/2021

REMUNERATIVE PRICE FOR POTATO AND ONION

2257. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

- (a) the details of schemes being run to provide remunerative price to potato and onion growing farmers, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized under the said schemes during 2021-22, till date, scheme-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the details of numbers of farmers benefitted under this schemes during 2021-22, State-wise and scheme-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period. The scheme is implemented at the request of a State/UT government which is ready to bear 50 percent of the loss (25 percent in case of North-Eastern States), if any, incurred on its implementation. Under the scheme, in accordance with MIS guidelines, a pre-determined quantity at the fixed Market Intervention Price (MIP) is procured by the agencies designated by the State Government for a fixed period or till the prices are stabilized above the MIP whichever is earlier.

Further, Governments implements Central Sector Scheme-“Operation Greens” for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana since 2018-19. The main objectives of the Operation Greens inter alia include enhancing value realization of TOP farmers, price stabilization for producers and consumers, reduction in post-harvest losses, increase in food processing capacities and value addition in TOP value chain by creating firm linkages with production clusters.

State-wise funds is not allocated under these schemes. Instead, under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) Central Share of losses, if any, incurred in implementing MIS is released to the State procuring agencies as per the specific proposals received from the State Governments.
