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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2414 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21/03/2025

PROCUREMENT OF GROUNDNUT DURING EXTENSION PERIOD IN GUJARAT AND KARNATAKA

2414. SHRI NARHARI AMIN : DR. PARMAR JASHVANTSINH SALAMSINH : SHRI MAYANKBHAI JAYDEVBHAI NAYAK : SHRI TEJVEER SINGH :

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

(a) the quantity of groundnut procured during the extended period in Gujarat and Karnataka since the extension of procurement was approved;

(b) the impact the procurement extension have on the market price of groundnuts in these States;

(c) whether there are any specific measures taken to support small and marginal farmers during the extension; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The details of quantity of groundnut for Kharif 2024-25 season procured and number of farmers benefitted during the extended period under Price Support Scheme (PSS) in Gujarat and Karnataka is as under:-

S. No.	State	Extended period	Quantity procured (in MT)	No. of farmers benefitted
1.	Gujarat	09.02.2025 to 14.02.2025	25,837.00	7,517
2.	Karnataka	10.02.2025 to 15.02.2025	1,407.072	1,650

(b) to (d): The overall market forces respond positively to the intervention of the Government in organizing procurement operations of notified Pulses and Oilseeds & Copra at MSP under PSS. Under the PSS, a farmer can sell his produce to a maximum of 40 quintals per day at the procurement centre that is meant to protect the interests of the small and marginal farmers. A system has been put in place for Aadhar Based registration of farmers on the portals like eSamriddhi Portal of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) and eSanyukti portal of National Co-operative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF) and the portals of the State for selling their produce. The farmers are informed via SMS and Whataspp to make them aware about the procurement operation to be undertaken by the central nodal agencies of the Govt. namely NAFED and NCCF. The payments to the farmers are being released to their individual bank accounts though RTGS or NEFT within three days from actual delivery by the procuring agency.