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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13/02/2026

ISSUES IN PROCUREMENT OF CROPS AT MSP

1626. SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

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

- (a) the quantity of major crops procured at Minimum Support Price (MSP) in Maharashtra during the last two seasons in comparison to total market arrivals;
- (b) the impact of limited procurement on farmers' income and distress sales: and ;
- (c) the reasons for failure to ensure effective MSP operations despite repeated announcements and expanded procurement infrastructure?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Government procures notified crops at Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) only from farmers whereas arrivals of crops in the market are both FAQ and Non-FAQ. Hence, it is not appropriate to compare the quantity of procurement at MSP of crops and total market arrivals. The details of quantity of major crops procured at MSP in Maharashtra during last two seasons are at **Annexure- I**

(b) & (c): Government announces Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 22 major agricultural commodities of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) each year in both the Crop seasons on the basis of recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned & other relevant factors. In addition, MSP for toria and de-husked coconut is also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed & mustard and copra respectively. To protect farmers from distress sale and ensure farmer's income, Government extends remunerative price to farmers through its various interventions schemes in coordination with the State 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.

Further, to protect farmers from exploitation, adequate number of procurement centers are opened as per the convenience of farmers and wide publicity is done by State Government , Central Nodal Agencies and State Agencies for providing information on FAQ quality parameters, procurement dates, procurement centers so that farmers may bring their produce and sell in the Procurement Centers. The payment of MSP is made directly into farmer's bank account.

Quantity of major crops procured at MSP in Maharashtra during last two seasons

Quantity in MT

Commodity	2023-24	2024-25
Paddy	11,63,603	15,92,778
Coarse grains	87,356	1,32,533
Cotton*	2,44,099	29,41,151
Oilseeds	769	11,20,014
Pulses	-	1,39,310

*Quantity in bales
