Government of India Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Department of Consumer Affairs

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4253 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2017

PROCUREMENT OF RED GRAM

4253. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of MSP and procurement target for red gram from Telangana for 2016-17;
- (b) the details of total procurement of red gram done so far; and
- (c) the reasons for stopping the procurement in between resulting in the farmers going for distress sales, the details thereof?

ANSWER उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : The MSP for Red Gram/Tur has been fixed at ₹ 5050/- per quintal for 2016-17 including a Bonus of ₹ 425/- per quintal. Under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme, there is no State-specific target for procurement.

(b) & (c) : As on 23.03.2017, about 8.31 lakh tonnes of Tur/Red Gram has been procured from the producing States of the country. No instructions were issued for stopping the procurement of Tur. In fact, based on the requests received from the Tur/Red Gram producing States, the procurement period for Red Gram has been extended beyond 15^{th} March, 2017.
