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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1540
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2017

REMUNERATIVE PRICES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ढाॢँŠääÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ää¨ääè be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the deflation in vegetables and pulses is worrisome as remunerative prices are necessary to sustain farmers interest in growing such crops, if so, the response of the Union Government thereto;
- (b) whether the recent dip in prices of vegetables and pulses may dissuade widespread sowing of such crops in the upcoming kharif season, if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether vegetable prices have nearly halved in the vendors market despite robust production taking a toll on the income of the farmers;
- (d) if so, whether the wholesale prices of tomatoes, potatoes and onions were lower than the year-ago levels by 44.0 %, 29.7% and 15.0% respectively in May, 2017 and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether besides the above, the wholesale prices of Arhar and Urad declined by 44.1% and 40.1% respectively on a YoY basis in May, 2017; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (f): The prices are determined by the market forces of demand and supply, quality of produce and seasonality etc.

Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the major agricultural produce including pulses to ensure remunerative prices to farmers. MSP fixed by Government for pulses during 2016-17 and 2017-18 are given below:-

Commodity	(Rs. per quintal)	
	2016-17	2017-18
Arhar	5050 ^{^^}	5450 [^]
Moong	5225 ^{^^}	5575 [^]
Urad	5000 ^{^^}	5400 [^]
Gram	4000 [^]	Not announced
Masur	3950 [*]	Not announced

^{^^} Including bonus of Rs. 425/quintal

[^] Including bonus of Rs. 200/quintal

^{*} Including bonus of Rs. 150/quintal

In addition, Government implements the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural and perishable agricultural commodities which are not covered under MSP, in order to protect the growers of such commodities from distress sales, on the request of the State Government.

Area coverage under pulses in current kharif season as on 14.07.2017 is 74.61 lakh hectare which is more by 14.33 lakh hectare as compared to same period of last year.

To facilitate remunerative prices for pulses, Government has procured 11.63 lakh MT of Arhar, 2.19 lakh MT of Moong, 0.89 lakh MT of Urad, 0.27 lakh MT of Masur and 0.54 lakh MT of Chana during 2016 and 2017 under price Stabilization Fund (PSF) Scheme. In addition, procurement at MSP was also undertaken under Price Support Scheme (PSS) through which Government procured 1.21 lakh MT of Moong, 1.96 lakh MT of Arhar and 0.15 lakh MT of Urad.

The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering all the horticulture crops including vegetables.

Details of MIS implemented for horticulture crops during 2016-17 and 2017-18 at Annexure.

As per Wholesale Price Index (WPI), the prices of vegetables as a group was lower by 18.5% in May, 2017 as compared to May, 2016 and wholesale prices of tomatoes, potatoes and onions were lower by 44.9%,44.4% and 12.9% respectively.

Similarly, wholesale prices of arhar and urad declined by 43.9% and 36.9% respectively in May, 2017.

Annexure

S. No.	Year	Commodity	Market Intervention Price (MIP) (Rs. Per MTs.)	State	Sanctioned Qty (in MTs.)
01	01.09.2016 to 30.09.2016	Grapes	42,000/-	Mizoram	3,800
02	01.11.2016 to 30.11.2016	Onion	6240/-	Karnataka	1,00,000

Annexure referred to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1540 due for 25.07.2017

Details of MIS implemented 2016-17 to 2017-18

03	01.12.2016 to 30.12.2016	Onion	7070/-	Telangana	5,000
04	07.12.2016 to 14.02.2017	Arecanut	2,51000/-for Chali and 2,70000 for Red Variety	Karnataka	40,000 MTs (28,000 MT for Chali and 12,000 for Red variety)
05	14.12.2016 to 12.01.2017	Oil Palm FFB	7650/-	Tamil Nadu	1,000 MTs
06	17.02.2017 to 18.03.2017	Ginger	8570/-	Arunachal Pradesh	12,675/-MTs
07	08.04.2017 to 07.05.2017	Potato	4,870/-	Uttar Pradesh	1,00,000
08	02.05.2017 to 31.05.2017	Red Chilli	50,000/-	Telangana	33,700
09	02.05.2017 to 31.05.2017	Red Chilli	50,000/-	Andhra Pradesh	88,300
10	04.06.2017 to 03.07.2017	Potato	6,000/-	Nagaland	6,600
11	17.06.2017 to 16.07.2017	Turmeric	55,720/-	Andhra Pradesh	12,100
12	13.06.2017 to 12.07.2017	Garlic	28,600/-	Rajasthan	10,000
13	09.06.2017 to 08.07.2017	Onion	5,867/-	Madhya Pradesh	6,51,000
14	27.06.2017 to 26.07.2017	Onion	3,650/-	Rajasthan	20,000

MT: Metric Tonnes
