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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2850
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH March, 2018

MARKET INTERVENTION AGENCY

2850. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the present status of the Market Intervention Agency (MIA);
- (b) whether the Government is considering that the presence of organized players will always reduce price volatility and this becomes more important when it comes to perishable items like Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP);
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering to review the MIA and start procuring 'TOP' items under Operation Greens and sell them during off-season;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): To protect the growers of those horticultural / agricultural commodities for which Minimum Support Price (MSP) is not declared and which are perishable in nature, Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). The objective of intervention is to protect the growers from making distress sale. In accordance with MIS guidelines, this 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. Further, to reach the benefits of this scheme to the large number of farmers, recently, the normal procurement limit under this scheme has been doubled. However, under the proposed Operation Greens, there is a potential to increase the income of the farmers in the catchment area of tomato, onion and potato crops across the country by way of promoting Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management.
