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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5865
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 2018

PRIVATE PLAYERS IN PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS AT MSP

5865. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to involve private players in the process of procuring foodgrains from farmers at MSP, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there have been any pilot projects or tests on this subject, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is mooting on scaling this in areas where Government procurement is not satisfactory, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): In order to maximise the outreach of Minimum Support Price (MSP) in eastern states, private players have been engaged by Food Corporation of India (FCI) for procurement of paddy/rice under MSP scheme in the state of Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. A list of which is enclosed at Annexure-I.

Status of cluster wise engagement of private players

(I) Uttar Pradesh:

| Cluster | Revenue Distt Covered | Name of private party engaged | Date of award letter |
|----------------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Cluster 1 | Ballia, Mau, Ghazipur, Chandauli | M/S NCML | 09.12.2015 |
| Cluster 2 | Allahabad, Kausambhi, Pratapgarh, Sultanpur | M/S Veerprabhu | 23.12.2015 |
| Cluster 3 | Ambedkarnagar, Basti, Sant Kabirnagar, Siddharthnagar | M/s Farmers fortune (India) Private Limited | 08.01.2016 |

(II) Jharkhand:

| Cluster | Revenue Distt Covered | Name of private party engaged | Date of award letter |
|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cluster 1 | South Chottanagpur | M/S NCMSL | 26.11.15 |
| Cluster 2 | Kolhan | M/S NCMSL | 26.11.15 |

(III) West Bengal:

| Cluster | Revenue Distt Covered | Name of private party engaged | Date of award letter |
|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cluster 1 | Bankura | M/S Veerprabhu Marketing Limited | 08.01.2016 |
| Cluster 2 | Burdwan | M/S Veerprabhu Marketing Limited | 08.01.2016 |
| Cluster 3 | Dinajpur | M/S Veerprabhu Marketing Limited | 08.01.2016 |
| Cluster 4 | Siliguri | M/S Veerprabhu Marketing Limited | 08.01.2016 |
