GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5958

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 2018

AMENDMENT IN AGRICULTURE PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE ACT

5958. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ‡ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to amend Agriculture Produce Market Committee Act to empower farmers to sell their produce to whomsoever they wish in order to get better prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to give the right to buy produce directly from farmers to other entities as well apart from APMC mandis, as it will increase competition resulting into better prices for farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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- (a) & (b): With the objective of empowering farmers to sell their produce to whomsoever they wish in order to get better price, the Government of India has circulated a new model "The Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017" on 24th April, 2017 for its adoption by States/UTs. The new Model Act provides for alternative marketing channels, direct marketing, setting up of private markets, farmer-consumer markets, special commodity markets, declaring warehouses/silos/cold storages as market sub yards to promote agriculture marketing including ensuring against distress sale by farmers.
- (c): In view of (a) & (b) above, the Question does not arise.
- (d) & (e): Under the new Model "The Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017", buyers/other entities has been given full choice to buy from the APMC mandis or from the farmers' field outside the mandi so as to increase competition resulting into better prices for farmers.
