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REMUNERATIVE PRICES AND STORAGE FACILITIES TO FARMERS

634. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ढादुशुआओा एवं किसान कल्याण ½ããããè be pleased to state:

- the various measures taken by the Government during the last three years to provide remunerative prices and storage facilities to the farmers for their crops in the country;
- the critical information regarding purchasing price, consumer price and storage facility for onion crop in the country; and
- the measures taken by the Government to ensure confirmed management and providing compensatory price, safe storage facility to farmers in case of bumper production of farm produce?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Government has taken several measures to provide remunerative prices and storage facilities for managing the agricultural and horticultural produce of the farmers. Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 24 major agricultural crops, undertaking procurement of major agricultural crops through designated procurement agencies. Besides, Government is implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural crops including onion which are not covered under the MSPs. The other initiatives in this regard includes e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), a Model Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017, promoting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), implementing Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme for augmenting the storage capacity in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, constructing modern silos in PPP mode, creating post harvest management infrastructure including establishment of cold storage etc.

As on 31st January, 2018, the all India average wholesale price of onion was Rs. 32.19 per Kg. and retail price was Rs. 40.04 per Kg. for January, 2018. Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), 844 cold storages with capacity of 3.54 million tonnes have been created during the last three years for storage of perishable commodities including onion. Under MIS, Government has sanctioned procurement of onion of 651 thousand tonnes from Madhya Pradesh and of 20 thousand tonnes from Rajasthan during 2017-18.
