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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.671
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2018

MARKET INTERVENTION SCHEME

671. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE **‡ãðŠãäÓã** एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agriculture and horticulture crops including Onion which are not covered under MSPs to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop, if so, the details thereof ;
- (b) the details of the production of Onion for 2015-16 and 2016-17 and the price at which onions were procured from farmers along with the steps taken by the Government for storage and preservation of onions, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has floated tenders for import of onions to control onion prices, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that India is the world's largest exporter of onions; and
- (e) if so, whether the Government imposes limits like the Minimum Export Price (MEP), to discourage overseas traders from buying the commodity?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, Madam. The details of the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) implemented since 2015-16 is placed at Annexure-I.

(b): Production of onion during the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 is 209.31 lakh MT and 224.27 lakh MT respectively. Onions were procured from farmers under Market Intervention Scheme at Market Intervention Price (MIP) which is indicated in Annexure-I. For storage of onion, there is a provision for construction of low cost onion storage structure under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). For this, assistance is given @ 50% of total cost of Rs 1.75 lakh / unit for a structure capacity of maximum 25 MT. Since, 2014-15, 8,245 low cost onion storage structures for a total capacity of 2,06,125 MT has been established under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture.

(c): During 2015-16 a quantity of 2000 MT of onion was imported through MMTC to control onion prices. Further, during 2017-18, MMTC was directed to import 1000 MT of onion with provision for import of additional 1000 MT in the import tender. MMTC floated tenders twice, but no bids were received.

(d): According to trademap data, India is the 4th largest exporter of onions.

(e): Government had imposed Minimum Export Price of US\$ 850/ ton on export of onion to augment domestic availability and cool down the prices. Further, with the increase of the domestic availability, the Minimum Export Price has been brought down to US\$ 700/ ton on 19.01.2018 till 20.02.2018.

Annexure-I

Details of Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) implemented since 2015-16

Year	Duration	Commodity	Market Intervention Price (MIP) (Rs. Per MTs.)	State	Sanctioned Qty (in MTs.)
2015-16	20.05.2015 to 20.06.2015	Potato	4,250/-	Uttar Pradesh	1,00,000
2015-16	15.12.2015 to 14.03.2016	Oil Palm FFB	7,888/-	Andhra Pradesh	1,14,963
2016-17	01.09.2016 to 30.09.2016	Grapes	42,000/-	Mizoram	3,800
2016-17	01.11.2016 to 30.11.2016	Onion	6240/-	Karnataka	1,00,000
2016-17	01.12.2016 to 30.12.2016	Onion	7070/-	Telangana	5,000
2016-17	07.12.2016 to 14.02.2017	Areca nut	2,51,000/- for Chali and 2,70,000 for Red Variety	Karnataka	40,000 MTs (28,000 MT for Chali and 12,000 for Red variety)
2016-17	14.12.2016 to 12.01.2017	Oil Palm FFB	7650/-	Tamil Nadu	1,000 MTs
2016-17	17.02.2017 to 18.03.2017	Ginger	8570/-	Arunachal Pradesh	12,675
2017-18	08.04.2017 to 07.05.2017	Potato	4,870/-	Uttar Pradesh	1,00,000
2017-18	02.05.2017 to 31.05.2017	Red Chilli	50,000/-	Telangana	33,700
2017-18	02.05.2017 to 31.05.2017	Red Chilli	50,000/-	Andhra Pradesh	88,300
2017-18	04.06.2017 to 31.07.2017	Potato	6,000/-	Nagaland	6,600
2017-18	17.06.2017 to 16.07.2017	Turmeric	55,720/-	Andhra Pradesh	12,100
2017-18	13.06.2017 to 12.07.2017	Garlic	28,600/-	Rajasthan	10,000
2017-18	09.06.2017 to 08.07.2017	Onion	5,867/-	Madhya Pradesh	6,51,000
2017-18	27.06.2017 to 26.07.2017	Onion	3,650/-	Rajasthan	20,000
