

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2227**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2018

**PROGRAMME TO END DISTRESS SALE OF FARMERS**

2227. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:  
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched or planning to launch any programme/scheme that aims to end/ minimise distress sales by farmers of agro-produce including tomato, onion and potato;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of agro produce procured by the Government during the last three years to reduce the impact of distress sale; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the other alternative measures of the Government to end the distress sales?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a) to (c): Yes, in pursuance of the recent Budget announcements, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is formulating a new Scheme to launch "Operation Greens" for tomato, onion and potato crops to promote Farmer Producers Organization (FPOs), agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management with an allocation of Rs.500 crore. Presently, the ministry is doing inter-ministerial consultations for finalizing the scheme.

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agriculture and horticultural commodities, which are generally perishable in nature and are not covered under Price Support Scheme (PSS). The basic objective of MIS is to protect the growers of these Commodities from making distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below the economic levels and cost of production. The condition is that there should be either at least a 10 percent increase in production or 10 percent decrease in the ruling market prices over the previous normal year. The scheme is implemented on the specific request of the State Government/UTs. 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. The Extent of total amount of loss to be shared on a 50:50 basis between the central government and the State Govt. /UT, is restricted to 25 percent of the total procurement value which includes cost of the commodity procured plus permitted overhead expenses. Under the Scheme, in accordance with MIS

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guidelines, a pre-determined quantity at the fixed Market Intervention Price (MIP) proposed by the State Govt. /UT, is procured by agency designated by the State Govt. /UT, for a fixed period or till the prices are stabilized above the MIP, whichever is earlier. The area of operation is restricted to the concerned state only. The sanctions accorded under MIS from 2016-2017 to 2018-2019 is attached at annexure.

Ministry of Consumer Affairs is implementing Price Stabilization Fund (PSF), to tackle inflationary trends of important agri-horticultural commodities like onion, potato and pulses to protect the interests of consumers. Through Price Stabilization Fund (PSF), around 32000 MT of onion during 2015-16 to 2017-2018 has been procured. NAFED was directed to procure 25000 MT of onion during 2018-19, till date NAFED has procured around 10000 MT of onion.

## Annexure

**Details of Sanction accorded under MIS from 2016-17 to 2018-19**

Year	Period	Commodity	State	Market Intervention Price (MIP) (Rs. Per MTs.)	Sanctioned Qty (in MTs.)
2016-17	01.09.2016 to 30.09.2016	Grapes	Mizoram	42,000	3,800
2016-17	01.11.2016 to 30.11.2016	Onion	Karnataka	6240	1,00,000
2016-17	01.12.2016 to 30.12.2016	Onion	Telangana	7070	5,000
2016-17	07.12.2016 TO 14.02.2017	Areca nut-Chali	Karnataka	2,51,000	28,000
2016-17	07.12.2016 TO 14.02.2017	Areca nut-Red	Karnataka	2,70,000	12,000
2016-17	14.12.2016 to 12.01.2017	Oil Palm FFB	Tamil Nadu	7650	1,000
2016-17	17.02.2017 to 18.03.2017	Ginger	Arunachal Pradesh	8570	12,675
2017-18	08.04.2017 to 07.05.2017	Potato	Uttar Pradesh	4,870	1,00,000
2017-18	02.05.2017 to 31.05.2017	Red Chilli	Telangana	50,000	33,700
2017-18	02.05.2017 to 31.05.2017	Red Chilli	Andhra Pradesh	50,000	88,300
2017-18	04.06.2017 to 03.07.2017	Potato	Nagaland	6,000	6,600
2017-18	17.06.2017 to 16.07.2017	Turmeric	Andhra Pradesh	55,720	12,100
2017-18	13.06.2017 to 12.07.2017	Garlic	Rajasthan	28,600	10,000
2017-18	09.06.2017 to 08.07.2017	Onion	Madhya Pradesh	5,867	3,25,500
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2017-18	27.06.2017 to 26.07.2017	Onion	Rajasthan	3,650	20,000
2017-18	02.03.2018 to 31.03.2018	Potato	Uttar Pradesh	5,490	2,00,000
2018-19	13.04.2018 to 20.06.2018	Garlic	Rajasthan	32,570	1,54,000
2018-19	13.04.2018 to 12.05.2018	Onion	Rajasthan	6,180	2,60,000

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