

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3285**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018

**SEEDS PROCUREMENT**

3285. DR. P.K. BIJU:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to consider the problem of Palakkad farmers and direct NSC, New Delhi to solve the farmers' issues by paying the promised amount of Rs. 2800/quintal for procurement of Jyothi and Uma seeds from Palakkad in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a) & (b): National Seed Corporation Limited (NSC) procured 11248.87 quintals seed of Uma variety and 5308.50 quintals seed of Jyothi variety of paddy crop during Kharif, 2017 from the farmers of Palakkad region @ Rs.2696 per quintal as per their Procurement Price Policy which has already been paid to the farmers.

As per the Procurement Price Policy of NSC, farmers are offered prices for cereals including paddy which is average of highest Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) rates plus incentives in a particular crop season. In case the average of highest APMC rates is less than Minimum Support Price (MSP), the procurement price shall be MSP plus production incentives.

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