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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 958 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH DECEMBER, 2022

MSP INTERVENTION

958. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government agrees with the view that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) intervention should be supplemented with the rollout of Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (NWRs) and a Deficiency Price Payment System (DPPS) strengthening of marketing intelligence and development of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to reduce the fiscal burden of the expansion of moong area; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government keeping in mind that these mechanisms should be simultaneously developed over the next two to three years and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) of 22 mandated crops including moong to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce and encourage higher investment and production.

Government implements an umbrella scheme of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) consisting of Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) and Pilot Private Procurement & Stockiest Scheme (PPSS). Under Price Support Scheme (PSS), Pulses (including moong), oilseeds and Copra of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) are procured from registered farmers, as per its prescribed guidelines at MSP in consultation with the concerned State Government, as and when market price of these produce fall below the MSP.

Agriculture sector needs structured and functional markets, to drive growth, employment, remunerative prices and economic prosperity in rural areas of the country. To

this end, Government has been implementing various schemes which include Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) comprising of, Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) to develop agricultural marketing infrastructure; National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) which seeks to network the existing physical APMCs through a virtual platform; Marketing Research and Information Network (MRIN), under which e-Governance portal has been developed for connecting the farmers to their market; Strengthening of Agmark Grading Facilities (SAGF); Venture Capital Assistance (VCA) to qualifying projects, which promote linkage with farmers for procurement of their produce; and provides employment in rural areas; Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (NWR) System which helps farmers to store their produce in storage godown and to seek loan from banks against their NWR; Scheme for formation and promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) with the objective of reducing cost of farm production and increasing farmers' income.
