1571. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Integrated scheme on Agricultural Marketing had a Budget Estimate of Rs. 410 crores for the year 2021-22;

(b) whether the Revised Estimate for the same period dropped to Rs. 264 crores and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Annual Estimate for the same time frame was a mere Rs. 103 crores and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (c): Yes. The Budget Estimate (BE) for Integrated Scheme of Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) Scheme for the financial year 2021-22 was Rs.410 crore. ISAM have four sub-schemes viz., Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), Marketing Research & Information Network (MRIN), National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) and Strengthening of Agmark Grading Facilities (SAGF). ISAM (Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) and National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), major stake in ISAM) is a demand driven scheme and due to COVID-19 Pandemic induced restrictions, demand from stakeholders was low, due to which the expenditure under ISAM was less, which affected the overall expenditure. The actual expenditure of ISAM scheme for the financial year 2021-22 was Rs.240.59 crores. The Revised Estimate (RE) for the same period was dropped to Rs.264.20 crores.

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