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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 241
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH DECEMBER, 2023

NON-AVAILABILITY OF MARKET FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

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

- (a) whether farmers have to destroy their produce of tomato, onion etc. due to non-availability of market on a large scale across the country, especially in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly for the State of Maharashtra;
- (c) whether efforts have been made to provide relief to the farmers by bringing them under the ambit of Food Plaza and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the names of places where these food plazas have been established in the country, particularly in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (e) the other measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard so that the farmers do not destroy their produce?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Agricultural marketing is a state subject and wholesale markets are set up under the provisions of respective State Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act. However, in order to reduce supply chain losses, promote competition and encourage private sector investment in development of value chain and marketing infrastructure of perishable horticultural produce, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), has been pursuing with the States to de-regulate marketing of fruits and vegetables outside the market yards. Responding to pursuance, most of the State Governments have deregulated fruits and vegetables.

As per the information received from Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board, Pune, "In order to reduce the price gap between producers and consumers through reduction in intermediaries Maharashtra State has deregulated fruits and vegetables outside the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) yards in July, 2016. To overcome forced sale of onion, chawl capacity of about 29.75 lakh MT has been created. For tomatoes the current rates are in range of Rs.2084 to Rs.2508 per Qtl. However, the destroy of produce has not been recorded". The arrival & modal price of onions for last 03

years in the APMCs of Maharashtra is at Annexure-I. The arrival & modal price for tomatoes for last 03 years in the APMCs of Maharashtra is at Annexure-II.

(c) to (e): As per the information received from Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), MoFPI has been implementing Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS), a component scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), to create modern infrastructure for the food processing sector along the value chain from farm to market. Ministry does not set up Mega Food Parks on its own. The scheme is demand driven and proposals are invited through Expression of Interest. Under the scheme, Ministry had approved 41 Mega Food Parks (MFPs) in the country. State-wise details of the 41 MFPs is at Annexure-III. This scheme has been discontinued by the Government with effect from 01.04.2021 with provision for committed liabilities for ongoing projects.

As per the information received from Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board, Pune, "Recently in the year 2020-21 the Maharashtra Agribusiness Network Project (MAGNET) is started with support of Asian Development Bank for value chain development of Horticultural Crops. With objective to Increase farmers income while promoting commercially attractive private investment in selected value chains namely Pomegranate, Banana, Custard apple, Guava, Sapota, Orange, Sweet orange, Strawberry, Okra, Chilly (red and green), Flowers etc."

Government of India is implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). The objective of intervention 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 economic levels and cost of production. The condition is that there should be either at least a 10 percent increase in production or a 10 percent decrease in the ruling market prices over the previous normal year. The scheme is implemented at the request of a State/UT 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 Government 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 guidelines, a pre-determined quantity at the fixed Market Intervention Price (MIP) is procured by the agencies designated by the State Government for a fixed period or till the prices are stabilized above the MIP whichever is earlier.

Further, Government of India is also implementing a Central Sector Scheme Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) of Rs 1,00,000 crore to provide a medium –long term loan facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest infrastructure including warehousing facility and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support.

With a view to promote exports and reduce imports of high value horticulture crops, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India had launched the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme (CDP) in May 2021. In the pilot phase, 12 horticulture clusters were selected including Nasik for Grapes and Solapur for Pomegranate from Maharashtra state. This programme is designed to leverage the geographical specialization of horticulture clusters and promote integrated and market led development of pre-production, production, post-harvest, logistics, branding and marketing activities.

Government is also implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture

activities including post-harvest management infrastructure such as construction/Expansion/Modernization of cold storages of capacity up to 5000 MT, purchase of refrigerated transport vehicle for 9MT and prorated basis for lesser capacity but not below 4MT and market infrastructure such as creation of wholesale market, rural primary market, functional infrastructure etc in the country. These components are demand/entrepreneur driven for which Government assistance in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy is available through respective State Horticulture Missions.

Annexure-I

Onion: Arrival and Modal price for last 3 years in APMCs of Maharashtra (Arrivals in Qtl.& Rate are Rs/Qtl.)

Mon.	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (Till 1.12.23)	
	Arrival	Modal Rate	Arrival	Modal Rate	Arrival	Modal Rate	Arrival	Modal Rate
Oct	3034325	3933	5362239	2480	6292007	1632	6694235	2736
Nov	3483209	3592	4683293	2026	6518534	1683	4428982	3399
Dec	5543209	2258	6517778	1899	6875856	1293	79939	3355
Jan	6292022	2305	8651025	1859	9785794	1272	--	--
Feb	3993723	2913	7136805	1976	9131807	911	--	--
Mar	6624823	1370	7939625	1155	13742443	806	--	--
Apr	5818448	909	5341361	847	6396842	696	--	--
May	4963856	1102	6415534	820	8619272	695	--	--
Jun	8048178	1550	7841435	1080	9104436	910	--	--
Jul	7041700	1522	7388560	1103	11097780	1227	--	--
Aug	6591495	1476	8625004	1093	8929540	1711	--	--
Sept.	6036822	1508	7423998	1079	5435536	1867	--	--
Total	67471810		83326657		101929847		11203156	

Annexure-II

Tomato: Arrival and Modal price for last 3 years in APMCs of Maharashtra (Arrivals in Qtl.& Rate are Rs/Qtl.)

Month	2020-2021		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (Till 1.12.2023)	
	Arrivals	Modal	Arrivals	Modal	Arrivals	Modal	Arrivals	Modal
Oct	1384342	2053	1131881	2494	1374543	2281	2044252	834
Nov	1044406	1950	726144	3016	982377	1052	891074	1795
Dec	591543	1501	487120	2595	573616	670	6641	2543
Jan	591543	703	299677	1573	379918	820	--	--
Feb	267950	805	234357	1375	305259	944	--	--
Mar	233371	728	267116	1045	310352	1128	--	--
Apr	221820	833	265857	1184	351398	941	--	--
May	287338	841	404601	3197	606976	809	--	--
Jun	453684	918	411503	3580	564974	2356	--	--
Jul	624879	1063	520891	1529	326920	6764	--	--
Aug	1566422	835	1013183	1234	783910	4628	--	--
Sept.	1814261	895	1628232	1666	2011193	954	--	--
Total	9081559		7390562		8571436		2941967	

Annexure III**State-wise list of Mega Food Park Projects approved by Ministry (As on 29.11.2023)**

S. No.	SPV/IA Name	State/UT Name	District Name	Date of Final Approval	Total Project Cost (INR in Cr)	Amount of Grant Approved (INR in Cr)	Amount of Grant Released (INR in Cr)	Status
1	Srini Food Park Pvt Ltd	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	30-Mar-2009	121.1	49.92	49.92	Operational
2	Godavari Mega Aqua Food Park Pvt Ltd	Andhra Pradesh	West Godavari	16-Dec-2013	122.6	50.00	44.53	Operational
3	Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (APIIC)	Andhra Pradesh	Krishna	31-Dec-2015	112.94	50.00	37.69	Under Implementation
4	Rongoge Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Arunachal Pradesh	Papum Pare	12-Sep-2019	73.02	43.25	12.02	Under Implementation
5	North East Mega Food Park Ltd	Assam	Nalbari	30-Mar-2009	84.96	48.84	48.84	Operational
6	Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA)	Bihar	Muzaffarpur	7-Apr-2022	180.57	45.4	4.12	Under Implementation
7	Pristine Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Bihar	Khagaria	6-Aug-2014	120.13	41.9	34.8	Under Implementation
8	Indus Best Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	4-Jun-2014	96.58	43.96	39.57	Operational
9	Gujarat Agro Infrastructure Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Gujarat	Surat	22-May-2014	121.86	50.00	45.00	Operational
10	Fanidhar Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Gujarat	Mehsana	16-Aug-2017	151.05	50.00	37.67	Under Implementation
11	Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd (HAFED)	Haryana	Rohtak	21-Feb-2018	179.75	50.00	28.70	Under Implementation

12	Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (HSIIDC)	Haryana	Sonipat	6-Nov-2015	155.58	44.94	33.85	Operational
13	Cremica Food Park Pvt Ltd	Himachal Pradesh	Una	6-Aug-2014	107.34	50.00	45.00	Operational
14	RFK Greens Food Park Pvt Ltd	Jammu & Kashmir	Pulwama	19-Feb-2014	79.43	50.00	29.09	Under Implementation
15	Integrated Food Park Ltd	Karnataka	Tumkur	29-Mar-2011	144.33	48.72	48.72	Operational
16	Favorich Infra Pvt Ltd	Karnataka	Mandya	19-Dec-2017	113.83	50	37.57	Under Implementation
17	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)	Kerala	Palakkad	27-Nov-2015	105.39	50.00	50.00	Operational
18	Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (KSIDC)	Kerala	Alappuzha	27-Nov-2015	129.15	50.00	38.90	Operational
19	Indus Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Madhya Pradesh	Khargone	27-Aug-2012	131.28	49.37	49.37	Operational
20	Avantee Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Madhya Pradesh	Dewas	31-Dec-2015	146.07	50.00	40.00	Operational
21	Satara Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Maharashtra	Satara	6-Aug-2014	139.33	50.00	45.00	Operational
22	Paithan Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	8-Mar-2013	124.52	48.82	43.94	Operational
23	Wardha Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Maharashtra	Wardha	13-Jan-2016	92.36	50.00	15.00	Under Implementation
24	Manipur Food Industries Corporation Ltd	Manipur	Thoubal	29-Jan-2020	81.83	43.254	9.49	Under Implementation
25	Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (MIDC)	Meghalaya	North Garo Hills	23-Nov-2021	65.86	48.3	0.0	Under Implementation
26	Zoram Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Mizoram	Kolasib	10-Jun-2015	75.2	50.00	44.6225	Operational
27	DoysAgri Resources Pvt Ltd	Nagaland	Dimapur	16-Aug-2017	71.79	50.00	38.78	Under Implementation
28	MITS Mega Food Park Ltd	Odisha	Rayagada	16-Apr-2012	87.88	45.94	44.95	Operational

29	Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO)	Odisha	Khordha	6-Nov-2015	121.95	50.00	37.8	Under Implementation
30	International Mega Food Park Ltd	Punjab	Fazilka	25-May-2011	130.38	50.00	45.00	Operational
31	Sukhjiti Mega Food Park and Infra Ltd	Punjab	Kapurthala	6-Nov-2015	107.83	48.7	38.76	Operational
32	Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd (PAIC)	Punjab	Ludhiana	27-Nov-2015	117.61	37.73	37.62	Under Implementation
33	Greentech Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd	Rajasthan	Ajmer	19-Feb-2014	110.35	49.88	44.9	Operational
34	Shree Ram Mega Food Park Private Limited	Rajasthan	Bikaner	7-Apr-2022	132.81	50.00	0.0	Under Implementation
35	Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board (TNSAMB)	Tamil Nadu	Tirunelveli	23-Jun-2021	77.024	23.64	6.89	Under Implementation
36	Smart Agro Food Park Pvt Ltd	Telangana	Nizamabad	10-Jun-2015	108.95	50.00	44.99	Operational
37	Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (TSIIC)	Telangana	Khammam	5-Feb-2016	109.59	49.79	28.49	Under implementation
38	Sikaria Mega Food Park (P) Ltd	Tripura	West Tripura	30-Nov-2011	77.79	48.39	45.00	Operational
39	Patanjali Food and Herbal Park Pvt Ltd	Uttarakhand	Haridwar	30-Mar-2009	95.08	50.00	50.00	Operational
40	Himalayan Food Park Pvt Ltd	Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar	23-Jan-2014	98.08	47.79	47.79	Operational
41	Jangipur Bengal Mega Food Park Ltd	West Bengal	Murshidabad	16-Mar-2010	132.7	50.00	45.00	Operational
	Total				4635.874	1958.53	1469.38	
