

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2530
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2019

PURCHASE OF PAN METHI

2530. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to purchase 'pan methi' produced in the various districts of Rajasthan including Nagaur in abundance by bringing it within the ambit of support price; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to purchase pan methi by bringing it within the ambit of support price. Government presently fixes MSP for 22 mandated agricultural crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, arhar, moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton, wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed/mustard, safflower, jute and copra and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/ Departments concerned and other relevant factors. In addition, MSP for Toria and de-husked Coconut are also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed/mustard and copra respectively. For agricultural and horticultural commodities, which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Price Support Scheme, Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is implemented to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below cost of production. It is implemented on the specific request of the concerned State/UT Government, which has to bear 50% of the loss (25% in case of North-Eastern States), if any, incurred on its implementation.