

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 262**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

**MSP OF RABI CROPS**

262. DR.DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

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

- (a) the total quantum of wheat production in Rabi Crop during this year;
- (b) whether the wheat produced by the farmers as Rabi crops have been procured by the Government at the prescribed Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the country and if so, the total quantum of wheat procured;
- (c) whether the wheat harvested and taken by farmers to Mandi could not be procured due to delay in procurement by Government agency resulting in rotting of wheat in open and loss to farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the responsible officers;
- (e) whether the farmers had also incurred losses due to non-availability of agricultural labourers and scarcity of machines due to covid-19 pandemic during harvesting of rabi crop; and
- (f) if so, whether the Government will compensate the losses incurred by farmers through some financial assistance?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The wheat production in the country is estimated at 107.59 million tonnes as per the Fourth Advance Estimates, 2019-20.

(b): Yes, the Wheat produced by the farmers as Rabi crops have been procured by the Government at the prescribed Minimum Support Price in the country.

Total procurement of Wheat during RMS 2020-21 for Central Pool is 389.85 LMT.

(c) & (d): There has been no loss to the farmers due to delay in procurement by Government agency. Extensions in procurement period and relaxations in Uniform Specifications have been granted by Government of India on the requests of State Governments.

(e) & (f): No, such losses have been incurred by the farmers and all time record high of 389.85 LMT wheat has been procured from farmers at MSP.