SHUTTING DOWN PROCUREMENT CENTRES IN TELANGANA

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the Telangana State Government announcement that procurement centres across the State will be shut down and if so, the Ministry’s response in this regard;

(b) whether this step by the State Government has been enabled by the passing of the new farm laws by the Centre and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the Ministry’s response to the stand taken by the State Government’

(d) the estimated number of farmers who sell their produce to the procurement centres run by IKP Self Help Groups and Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies in Telangana along with a breakdown according to size of landholding of farmers; and

(e) whether there is any legal safeguard to guarantee these farmers MSP on their produce if they do not sell to these procurement centres and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): There is no such announcement made by the State Government.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.
(d): The estimated number of farmers who sell their produce to the procurement centres run by IKP Self Help Groups and Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies in Telangana along with a breakdown according to size of landholding of farmers as provided by the State Govt. is annexed.

(e): The procurement at MSP is being done by Central and State Agencies under various schemes of Government. Besides, the overall market also responds to declaration of MSP and Government's procurement operations which results in private procurement on or above the MSP for various notified crops. However, farmers are free to sell their produce anywhere if they get better price.
Annexure

Estimated number of farmers who sell their produce to the procurement centres run by IKP Self Help Groups and Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies in Telangana along with a breakdown according to size of landholding of farmers for paddy procurement during Kharif 2020-21

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