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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2498
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH MARCH, 2021

PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF CROPS

2498. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the details of crops that are eligible to be bought at Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the state of West Bengal;
- (b) the total amount of paddy, wheat and maize produced in West Bengal in 2020;
- (c) the quantities of paddy, wheat and maize produced in the State and bought at MSP by the State Government;
- (d) the percentage of farmers benefited from the various crops being bought at MSP by the State Government with the total number of farmers in the State and total farmers who sold their produce at MSP; and
- (e) the reason why cash crops like cardamom, ginger and oranges that are grown in Darjeeling and Kalimpong hill region are not included under MSP support in West Bengal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 22 mandated crops viz., paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, arhar, moong, urad, groundnut-in-shell, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton, wheat, barley, gram, masur(lentil), rapeseed/mustard, safflower, jute and copra. In addition, MSP of Toria and de-husked

coconut are also fixed on the basis of the MSPs of rapeseed/mustard and copra respectively. West Bengal farmers are free to sell their crop at MSP.

(b) to (d): The total quantity of paddy, wheat and maize produced in West Bengal in 2020 and total number of farmers benefitted from the various crops procured at MSP in the state of West Bengal in 2020 is at Annexure-I. The State Govt. has not done this procurement. Paddy is procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Jute is procured by Jute Corporation of India.

(e): Crops generally non-perishable in nature, having mass consumption, essential for food security, do not have widely varying cost of production and widely grown having large area under cultivation are included under MSP. However, Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is implemented for procurement of those horticultural/agricultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under MSP support. 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 i.e., cost of production. This scheme is implemented at the request of a State / UT Govt.

Annexure-I to LS USQ 2498

The details of production of Paddy, Wheat and Maize in West Bengal

(quantity in '000 tonnes)

Year	Paddy	Wheat	Maize
2019-20	23822.1	509.9	2007.6
2020-21(2 nd Adv. Est.)	24155.4	660.0	2341.5

Procurement details of Rice in West Bengal

(quantity in Lakh MT)

2019-20	Farmers benefitted during 2019-20	2020-21	Farmers benefitted during 2020-21
18.38	805186	10.73	549756

Procurement details of Jute in West Bengal

(quantity in quintals)

2019-20	Farmers benefitted during 2019-20	2020-21	Farmers benefitted during 2020-21
128000	3744	7136	337
