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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.86 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND FEBRUARY, 2021

PAYMENT OF MSP

86. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

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

(a) the status of payment of Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the budget for the same for the coming year;

(b) whether the Government is going to delay the implementation given the huge ongoing farmer protests and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): During the current Marketing Season of 2020-21, upto 31.12.2020, procurement of 599.33 LMT of Paddy having MSP value of around Rs 1,13,155 crore, Pulses & oilseeds of 3.06 LMT having MSP value of Rs 1,643 crore, Copra of 5,089 MT having MSP value of Rs 52.40 crore and Cotton of 89.85 lakhs bales having MSP value of Rs 26,277 crore has been done under respective MSP Schemes by the concerned Ministry.

The payment of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of such procurement to the concerned farmers is being made as per scheme's guidelines.

The Budget Estimates (BE) for 2021-22 for the implementation of Price Support Scheme (PSS) for pulses, oilseeds and copra and Market Intervention Scheme is Rs 1500.50 crore. Similarly, Rs 2,42,616 crore has been provided in BE 2021-22 for Food Subsidy which includes MSP operations by the Department of Food and Public Distribution and Rs 136 crore has been provided by Ministry of Textile for cotton.

(b): Government will continue to implement the MSP.
