

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2601
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

TOMATO PROCUREMENT/PROCESSING UNIT

2601. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a tomato procurement/processing unit in Ludeg area of Jashpur, which is famous as the tomato capital in Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any Committee has been constituted to procure tomato at appropriate rate from the farmers;
- (c) if so, the names, details and location thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for not making concrete efforts in this direction despite heavy production?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of Agricultural and Horticultural commodities including Tomatoes which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). 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. The scheme is implemented at the request of a State/UT Government. Under the Scheme, in accordance with MIS guidelines a pre-determined quantity at the fixed Market Intervention Price (MIP) is procured by the agencies designated by the State Government.

Further, Government implements Central Sector Scheme -“Operation Greens” for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana since 2018-19. The main objectives of the Operation Greens inter alia include enhancing value realization of TOP farmers: Price stabilization for producers and consumers: reduction in post-harvest losses: Increase in food processing capacities and value addition in TOP value chain by creating firm linkages with production clusters.

The scheme has two-prolonged strategy of Price Stabilization measures (for short term) and Value chain development projects including Cold Chain Development (for long term) which is extended to 22 crops in pursuance of Budget Announcement 2021-22.

Further, under Mission for Integrated Development of horticulture (MIDH), financial assistance is available in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy @ 50% of eligible project cost of Rs. 800.00 lakh/unit for establishment of food processing unit in North Eastern and Himalayan States only.
