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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH APRIL, 2022

MONITORING OF PROCUREMENT CENTRES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

5466. SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR:

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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 monitors the procurement centres of crops like groundnut, mustard, wheat, cotton and potato produced by farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (b) : Government extends price support for paddy and wheat through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies. Under this policy, whatever food grains are offered by farmers within the stipulated period & conforming to the specifications prescribed by Government are purchased at Minimum Support Price (MSP) by the State Government agencies including FCI for Central Pool. Further, different types of nutri-cereals and maize are procured by State Governments itself in consultation with FCI to the extent that the concerned State Government may utilise the same for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) as well as Other Welfare Schemes (OWS).

Oilseeds, pulses and copra of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) are procured from registered farmers under Price Support Scheme under Umbrella Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), as per its prescribed guidelines at MSP in consultation with the concerned State Government. Cotton and Jute are also procured by Government at MSP through Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and Jute Corporation of India (JCI) respectively. Besides, Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agriculture and horticulture commodities which are generally perishable in nature and for which Minimum Support Price (MSP) is not announced.

For making effective procurement by Government agencies at MSP and providing maximum benefits of MSP to the farmers, procurement centres are opened by respective State Government Agencies and Central Nodal Agencies like NAFED, FCI etc. after taking into account the production, marketable surplus, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics / infrastructure such as storage and transportation etc. large number of the purchase centres in addition to the existing Mandis and depots / godowns are also established at key points for the convenience of farmers. These procurement centres are continuously monitored by state Governments, central nodal agencies & state procuring agencies for providing maximum benefits as per the norms of respective schemes guidelines.
