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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †5469
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH APRIL, 2022

EXPORT OF CEREALS AND PULSES

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

- (a) whether the export of major cereals and pulses has increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government agencies have increased the procurement of cereals and pulses from farmers this year as compared to the last year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the comparative details regarding the procurement made from 2007 to 2014 and 2015 to 2021; and
- (f) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to increase the procurement of cereals by Government agencies?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There has been a growth of 30% in quantitative terms and 14.48% in value terms in the export of major cereals during 2020-21 as compared to 2018-19. Besides, export of pulses has grown by 1.12% in quantitative terms and 7.77% in value terms during 2020-21

as compared to 2018-19. The details of export of major cereals and pulses during the last three years are at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): The procurement of cereals including wheat, rice and coarse cereals by the Government agencies during current year 2021-22 (up to 28.03.2022) has been 939.62LMT as against 1003.54LMT during the last year 2020-21. As regards pulses, the procurement during current year 2021-22 (up to 28.03.2022) has been 10.31LMT as against 22.57LMT during 2020-21.

(e): The comparative details regarding the procurement of cereals & pulses made from 2007 to 2014 and 2015 to 2021 are at Annexure-II.

(f): The following steps are taken to increase the procurement of cereals by Government agencies and to ensure that farmers get remunerative price of wheat and paddy for central pool:

(i) Procurement of wheat and paddy for central pool is undertaken at MSP through FCI and State Govt./ State Govt. Agencies.

(ii) Before the onset of each marketing season, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India (GOI) holds a consultative meeting with the officials of Food Corporation of India (FCI), State Governments and others.

(iii) Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations are given wide publicity through pamphlets, banners, sign boards radio, TV and advertisements through print & electronic media.

(iv) Farmers are made aware of the quality specifications and purchase system, etc. to facilitate the farmers to bring their produce conforming to the specifications.

(v) Procurement centres are opened by respective State Government Agencies/ Food Corporation of India (FCI), 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 temporary purchase centres, in addition to the existing Mandis and depots/ godowns are also established at key points for the convenience of the farmers.

(vi) Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is implemented across the country from Rabi Marketing Season 2021-22. DBT has brought in responsibility, transparency and real time monitoring in the system.

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5469 to be answered on 05.04.2022

India's Export of Major Cereals (Including Rice, Wheat, Maize and Other Cereals) and Pulses for the last three years (Qty in Lakh MT and Value in Rs. Crore)								
Product	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		CAGR(%) 2020-21 over 2018-19	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
Major Cereals (including Rice, Wheat, Maize and other cereals)	135.17	56841.28	102.14	47287.12	228.43	74490.83	30.0	14.48
Pulses	2.90	1822.58	2.36	1533.74	2.96	2116.69	1.12	7.77

Source: DGCIS

Annexure referred in reply to part (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5469 to be answered on 05.04.2022

Details of Procurement of Cereals (Including Wheat, Rice and Coarse grains) and Pulses from 2007 to 2014 and 2015 to 2021 (Figures in Lakh MT.)			
	Year	Cereals	Pulses
2007-08 to 2013-14	2007-08	400.68	0.00
	2008-09	580.53	0.00
	2009-10	579.98	0.00
	2010-11	568.40	0.01
	2011-12	634.14	0.00
	2012-13	723.31	0.96
	2013-14	581.34	0.55
		Total	4068.37
20014-15 to 2021-22 (Upto 28.03.2022)	2014-15	606.36	3.64
	2015-16	625.66	0.50
	2016-17	611.40	14.81
	2017-18	690.69	19.19
	2018-19	804.13	41.75
	2019-20	863.92	16.82
	2020-21	1003.54	22.57
	2021-22(Upto 28.03.22)	939.62	10.31
		Total	6145.33

Source: Department of Consumer Affairs, NAFED and Department of Food and Public Distribution.
