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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2654 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND AUGUST, 2022

WHEAT PROCUREMENT AND PRODUCTION

2654. SHRIMATI MALA ROY :

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

(a) whether the wheat procurement in the current year has fallen by more than 54 per cent;

(b) if so, the exact amount procured and total production recorded in this session;

(c) whether it is true that procurement has fallen since there was a spurt in private procurement who bought wheat directly from farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b) : Wheat procurement in the current season i.e. Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2022-23 (crop season 2021-22) for Central Pool has been 187.94 LMT (upto 28.07.2022). As per the 3rd advance estimates 2021-22, wheat production is estimated at 106.41 million tones.

(c) & (d) The procurement of wheat has fallen due to higher purchase of wheat by traders as market price of wheat had shot up due to prevailing international geopolitical situation. Moreover, if farmer gets better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market.
