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LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 4010

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2026

PROCUREMENT OF PULSES

4010. SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH:

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

- (a) the details regarding the annual targets for procurement of pulses set under Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, State and year-wise;
- (b) whether pulse procurement under the mission has been initiated and if so, the details regarding the amount of pulses procured in the country, State/UT-wise and particularly district for Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if not, the details regarding the timeline by which pulse procurement is planned to begin;
- (d) whether climate resilient seeds being promoted under the mission include assistance for local seed varieties and if so, the details regarding the assistance provided to community seed banks, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the details regarding the reasons for the inclusion of breeder and certified seeds under the mission; and
- (f) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding sustainability of such seeds especially in drought prone regions such as Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details of the findings thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c): The Union Cabinet has approved a centrally sponsored scheme namely 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses' on 1st October, 2025 aimed at boosting domestic production and achieving self-sufficiency (Aatmanirbharta) in pulses over a six-year period, from 2025-26 to 2030-31, with a financial outlay of Rs. 11,440 Crore. To encourage domestic production & ensure remunerative prices to farmers, the Mission also supports procurement of Tur, Urad, Masoor from all registered and willing farmers by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation

of India Limited (NCCF), till 2030-31, as per the norms of Price Support Scheme (PSS) under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) based on requisitions made by the states. The State wise details of pulses procurement during 2025-26 is at Annexure-I. District wise details of pulses procurement in Andhra Pradesh during 2025-26 is at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses is aimed at promoting production and availability of climate resilient seeds for increasing the production and productivity of pulses. These varieties have been included in the Frontline Demonstrations (FLD) and are being popularized through farmers trainings and field days. Under the Pulses Mission, financial assistance is provided to pulses farmers through State governments for various interventions such as production of breeder seed, production and distribution of certified seeds. Breeder and certified seed production have been included in the Pulses Mission to accelerate quality seed production and ensure the availability of quality seeds to farmers. It enhances the seed replacement rate and varietal replacement rate. Details of assistance for seed production and distribution under Mission is at Annexure-III.

(f): All India Coordinated Research Project trials have been conducted every year in drought prone regions for assessing adaptability and yield levels. In Andhra Pradesh, 20 Front Line Demonstrations have been conducted for the Chickpea (Gram) crop variety namely NBEG-857 during 2024-25.

Annexure-I**State wise Procurement details of pulses procured at MSP under PSS during 2025-26**

State	Quantity in MT
Andhra Pradesh	101172
Gujarat	88319
Karnataka	60508
Maharashtra	118826
Rajasthan	163311
Telangana	2549
Uttar Pradesh	68105

Annexure-II**District wise procurement in Andhra Pradesh during 2025-26**

S. No.	District	Quantity in MT
1	Anantapur	21575
2	Bapatla	2756
3	Kurnool	19449
4	Nandyal	12177
5	Palnadu	3904
6	Prakasam	13837
7	Sri Sathya Sai	13005
8	Guntur	1129
9	NTR	1631
10	Y.S.R. Kadapa	11016
11	Eluru	392
12	SPSR Nellore	301
	TOTAL	101172

Pattern of Assistance under Pulses Mission for seed component

Components	Pattern of Assistance
Purchase of Breeder Seeds for Breeder to Foundation	100% on the Breeder Seed cost as per rates finalized by Seed Division, DA&FW for varieties <5 years old varieties (5 years will be considered after 3 years from the date of notification of varieties)
Certification Charges	50% on seed inspection charges or maximum of INR 400/hectare (whichever is less)
Seed Growers Training	Training of Seed Growers at INR 50,000 per training for a batch of 150 farmers
Certified Seed Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. INR 4,500 per quintal subject to maximum INR 45,000/-per hectare (for Tur varieties <5 years old) ii. INR 3,000 per quintal subject to maximum INR 30,000/- per hectare for Urad, Masoor and others (excluding Tur & Gram) varieties <5 years old iii. INR 1,800 per quintal subject to maximum INR 20,000/- per hectare for Gram varieties <5 years old
Certified Seed Distribution	Varieties less than 5 years old -Tur, Urad, Masoor and others (excl. Gram)- 50% of the cost (or) Rs. 6,000 /- per quintal (whichever is less) -Gram-50% of the cost (or) Rs. 4,000 /- per quintal (whichever is less)
	Varieties more than 5 years old -Tur, Urad, Masoor and others (excl. Gram)- 50% of the cost (or) Rs. 3,000 /- per quintal (whichever is less) -Gram- 50% of the cost (or) Rs. 2,000 /- per quintal (whichever is less)
