

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5274
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH March 2026

MSP IN KARNATAKA

5274. SHRI SAGAR ESHWAR KHANDRE

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that market prices of Bengal gram (chana) in Karnataka, particularly in Bidar district, are below the MSP for Rabi Marketing Season 2026–27, leading to distress sales;
- (b) whether any proposal has been received from the State for procurement under the Price Support Scheme through NAFED/NCCF and the status thereof;
- (c) whether MSP procurement centres are being operationalised in Bidar and other districts, along with timelines; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure effective MSP realisation for chana farmers in Karnataka?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) : Government implements Price Support Scheme (PSS) under PM-AASHA for procurement of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of pulses, oilseeds and copra at Minimum Support Price (MSP) as and when the market price falls below the MSP on the request of the State Government to provide remunerative price to the farmers. Based on the request of Government of Karnataka, approval has been given for the procurement of 1,01,340 MT of Bengal Gram (Chana) in the State including Bidar district of Karnataka under PSS through Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) i.e. NAFED and NCCF during Rabi 2026 season. As on 18.03.2026, a total quantity of 26,261 MT of Bengal Gram (Chana) has been procured under PSS in the State.

(c): 451 procurement centres have been opened in Karnataka by CNAs including 123 procurement centres in Bidar District for procurement of Bengal Gram (Chana) in the State during Rabi Marketing Season 2026.

(d): To ensure effective MSP realization for Chana farmers, procurement centres are opened by respective State Government Agencies and CNAs, 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.

Further, wide publicity is done by State Government, Central Nodal Agencies and State Agencies for providing information on FAQ quality parameters, procurement dates, procurement centers so that farmers may bring their produce and sell in the procurement centers. All the payments of MSP are made directly to the registered farmers' bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)/Aadhaar Authenticated Bank Account of Farmers.