

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1665
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH MARCH, 2016

STORAGE OF ONION AND POTATOES

1665. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to stock up on onion and potato to check price rise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the two Government entities/agencies National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation and Small Farmers Agri Business Consortium will be tasked with procuring and storing the two kitchen staples; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (d): The Government has set up the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) with a corpus of Rs.500 crore to support market intervention operations by Central Agencies and State Governments, of selected agricultural produce which are prone to excessive price volatility namely onion, potato and pulses.

Depending upon production scenario and anticipated price movement of onion and potato in 2016-17, the Government may consider procurement of onion and potato through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) and Small Farmers Agri Business Consortium (SFAC).
