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Jowar (hybrid)	880
Bajra	880
Maize	880
Ragi	965
Tur	3000*
Moong	3170*
Urad	2900*
Groundnut in shell	2300
Soyabean (black)	1400
Sunflower Seed	2350
Seasamum	2900
Niger seed	2450
Sugarcane**	139.12
Cotton (medium staple)	2500
Jute	1575

**Fair and remunerative price at 9.5% recovery.

*Additional incentive @ Rs. 5/- per kg. of tur, urad and moong sold to procurement agencies is payable during the harvest/arrival period of two months.

(e) Yes, Sir. Details of storage capacity for rice is not maintained separately. However, as on 15.10.2010, the Covered and Covered and Plinth (CAP) storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to store foodgrains including rice is 306.84 lakh tones, out of which 275.30 lakh tones is covered capacity. Further, as on 31.03.2010, the State Governments/agencies also have 295.50 lakh tones of covered and CAP capacity to store foodgrains including rice, out of which 151.19 Lakh tones is covered capacity. The storage facilities available with FCI and State Governments/agencies are presently sufficient to store the stock of rice purchased by the Government.

Procurement price of mustard

†472. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of good monsoon in the State of Rajasthan this year there is bumper production of variety of crops;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that procurement price of mustard is less as compared to that of other commodities; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to raise the procurement price of mustard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the 1st Advance Estimates for 2010-11, the production of kharif crops in the State of Rajasthan has increased significantly during the year.

With view to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce and to encourage higher investment and production, the Government of India announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for certain agricultural commodities including Mustard on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). While fixing MSP for a crop, the Government of India also take into account the views of the State Governments, Central Ministries and such other relevant factors, which are considered important for the fixation of Minimum Support Prices. In view of above factors, the MSPs of different crops are not comparable. However, the MSP of mustard has also been increased from time to time and it has been fixed at Rs. 1850 per quintal for 2010-11 as compared to Rs. 1715 per quintal for 2006-07 and Rs. 1830 per quintal for 2009-10.

Achievement under RKVY

473. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) aims for achieving 4 per cent annual growth in the agriculture sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the action plan initiated and implemented to achieve this objective;

(c) whether the Yojana has been implemented in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the achievement made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) Eleventh Plan envisaged 4% growth in agriculture and allied sector to be achieved by implementing a number of developmental schemes, including RKVY and making investments in agriculture.

(b) States have prepared District Agriculture Plans and State Agriculture Plans laying out their strategies and programmes. States, based on their own assessment and priorities, have approved projects through State Level Sanctioning Committees and taken them for implementation under RKVY for achievement of the projected growth rates in the Eleventh Plan period.

(c) Yes, Sir. It is under implementation in Andhra Pradesh.