

returns to farmers, lower transaction costs to buyers and stable prices and availability to consumers.

- Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under Price Support Scheme. The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels and cost of production.

Drop in sale of vegetables and fruits

3384. SHRI K. T. S TULSI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total contribution, in percentage, of vegetables and fruits to the total agricultural produce in the country; and
- (b) whether any drop in sales reported in vegetables and fruits to APMCs post demonetisation, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) The percentage share of the contribution of the vegetables and fruits in the total agricultural produce during 2015-16 is 48.41%. Details of the agriculture production along with fruits and vegetables during 2015-16 are given in the following table:

	(Quantity in lakh MT)
Foodgrain production	251.57
Horticulture production	286.18
TOTAL agricultural production	537.75
Fruits and vegetables	260.32

(b) As is evident from the arrivals data of important vegetables and fruits in Mandis in the country, there is no indication of significant drop in sale, post demonetisation period. Details are given in Statement.

Statement

Details of All India monthly market arrivals of major vegetables and fruits in mandis

Arrivals in Tonnes

	9 Oct. 2015 to 8, Nov. 2015 (Period-I)	9 Nov. 2015 to 8, Dec. 2015 (Period-II)	9 Dec. 2015 to 8, Jan. 2016 (Period-III)	% variation of Period-II over Period-I	% variation of Period- III over Period-II	9 Oct. 2016 to 8, Nov. 2016 (Period-I)	9 Nov. 2016 to 8, Dec. 2016 (Period-II)	9 Dec. 2016 to 8, Jan. 2016 (Period-III)	% variation of Period-II over Period-I	% variation of Period- III over Period-II
Vegetables										
Onion	840,001.80	934,156.38	1,245,842.16	11.21	33.37	925,746.69	890,769.26	1,204,816.30	-3.78	35.26
Potato	779,908.16	794,810.61	1,139,526.25	1.91	43.37	823,097.22	932,537.00	1,142,386.83	13.30	22.50
Tomato	317,071.16	195,492.86	224,238.30	-38.34	14.70	379,396.73	343,655.35	266,355.63	-9.42	-22.49
Fruits										
Apple	889,220.42	686,979.09	528,789.88	-22.74	-23.03	251,002.59	126,472.19	127,222.86	-49.61	0.59
Banana	256,656.32	374,517.30	584,344.22	45.92	56.03	655,879.22	511,772.00	518,326.63	-21.97	1.28
Guava	6,225.31	11,870.04	16,632.65	90.67	40.12	4,158.65	11,518.40	15,563.29	176.97	35.12

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