

Procurement of red grams in Telangana

1615. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to lackadaisical procurement of red grams at MSP in the districts of Medak, Khammam and Bhadrachalam of Telangana State which has put farmers at the mercy of local merchants; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Central Government to redress farmers' grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) and (b) To safeguard the interests of the farmers, Government has procured red gram in the State of Telangana at MSP under Price Support Scheme (PSS) during the Kharif 2017-18 season. In addition, State agencies are also procuring red gram at MSP in the state including Medak, Khammam and Bhadrachalam districts on behalf of State Government.

Production of Tur dal in Karnataka

1616. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the MSP of Tur dal and its production in the HK region of Karnataka, which comes under Article 371(J);

(b) the quantum of Tur dal purchased on MSP in Karnataka;

(c) the demand of agriculturists in this regard; and

(d) whether Government is going to purchase it further to prevent farmers from getting low prices therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) The Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government for tur which is applicable to all States (including HK region of Karnataka) for 2016-17 and 2017-18 is as under:-

(₹ per quintal)

Year	2016-17	2017-18
MSP	5050#	5450\$

Including bonus of ₹ 425 per quintal.

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