

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 Bhadrachari 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 Bhadrachari 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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As per the Second Advance Estimates for 2017-18, production of Tur for Karnataka is estimated at 7.29 lakh tonnes which is lower by 1.80 lakh tonnes than the production of 9.09 lakh tonnes for 2016-17 mainly on account of lower area covered in 2017-18.

Latest data on district-wise production of Tur is available only upto 2015-16. Details of production for HK region for 2015-16 is as under:—

(thousand tonnes)

HK Region	Production
Bellary	1.04
Bidar	29.8
Gulbarga	94.99
Koppal	3.97
Raichur	14.25
Yadgir	23.67
TOTAL	167.72

(b) to (d) Procurement of Tur from Karnataka for 2016-17 and 2017-18 is as under:—

(thousand tonnes)

Year	2016-17*	2017-18^
Procurement	202.33	2567.53

* Procurement under both Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Price Stabilization Fund (PSF).

^ Procurement upto 03.02.2018 under PSS.

From time to time some farmers and farmers' organizations/unions from different States have demanded the enhancement in MSP of agricultural produce including Tur and their procurement at MSP.

Government has approved procurement of 364.60 thousand tonnes of Tur for Kharif 2017-18 in Karnataka and procurement for Kharif Marketing Season 2017-18 is still going on.

Registration of farmers under e-NAM portal

1617. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers registered under the e-NAM portal since its launch, State-wise; and