

1	2	3
Maharashtra	0.15	3,269
Madhya Pradesh	0.08	2,753
Telangana	2.64	56,773
Andhra Pradesh	0.06	2,160
Karnataka	**	69
Odisha	0.02	368
West Bengal and Others	**	386
TOTAL	3.75	84,541

** In the State of Karnataka and West Bengal, procurement of Kapas under MSP is negligible *i.e.* equivalent to 297 bales & 280 bales respectively.

Procurement of pulses

2414. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of Government procurement programme for pulses including coverage, amount procured and average prices obtained by farmers for the last two years;

(b) whether Government has any plans to expand its procurement programme for pulses in order to give relief to farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with amount to be procured and number of farmers to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) to (c) Under the present procurement mechanism of Price Support Scheme (PSS), Government agencies procure the notified pulses of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) at Minimum Support Price (MSP) directly from farmers in consultation with the concerned State Government/Union Territories as and when market price of these pulses fall below the MSP. The payments to the farmers are made through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)/National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) and account payee cheque by the procuring agencies. However, if farmer gets better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in

open market. Besides this, with a view to create a buffer stock of pulses. Government also procures pulses through Price Stabilization Fund (PSF). The details pulses including coverage, amount procured and average prices obtained by farmers under PSS and PSF for the last two years are given in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively.

Statement-I

*Details of procurement of pulses at msp under PSS from 2015-16 to 2017-18
(as on 12.03.2018)*

Year	Commodity	State	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Per MT (₹)	MSP Cost (₹ in Lakh)	Price Obtained by Farmers (₹ Per. KG)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2016-17	Moong	Maharashtra	6430.28	52,250	3359.82	52.25
2016-17	Moong	Karnataka	1837.30	52,250	959.99	52.25
2016-17	Toor	Karnataka	30920.55	50,500	15614.88	50.50
2016-17	Toor	Maharashtra	115276.03	50,500	58214.40	50.50
2016-17	Toor	Gujarat	49797.10	50,500	25147.54	50.50
2016-17	Moong	Maharashtra	547.53	52,250	286.08	52.25
2016-17	Moong	Karnataka	681.60	52,250	356.14	52.25
2017-18	Moong	Madhya Pradesh	111000.00	52,250	57997.50	52.25
2017-18	Moong	Odisha	1405.99	52,250	734.63	52.25
2017-18	Urad	Madhya Pradesh	15747.65	50,000	7873.83	50.00
2017-18	Moong	Telangana	3329.26	55,750	1856.06	55.75
2017-18	Moong	Karnataka	21902.14	55,750	12210.44	55.75
2017-18	Moong	Rajasthan	262203.85	55,750	146178.65	55.75
2017-18	Moong	Maharashtra	5434.15	55,750	3029.54	55.75
2017-18	Moong	Andhra Pradesh	2471.40	55,750	1377.81	55.75

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2017-18	Urad	Rajasthan	130855.44	54,000	70661.94	54.00
2017-18	Urad	Telangana	11717.00	54,000	6327.18	54.00
2017-18	Urad	Karnataka	13183.00	54,000	7118.82	54.00
2017-18	Urad	Maharashtra	58663.95	54,000	31678.53	54.00
2017-18	Urad	Gujarat	19550.58	54,000	10557.31	54.00
2017-18	Urad	Andhra Pradesh	13600.00	54,000	7344.00	54.00
2017-18	Urad	Uttar Pradesh	22578.26	54,000	12192.26	54.00
2017-18	Urad	West Bengal*	51.90	54,000	28.03	54.00
2017-18	Toor	Telangana	75300.00	54,500	41038.50	54.50
2017-18	Toor	Karnataka *	297112.74	54,500	159201.44	54.50
2017-18	Toor	Maharashtra *	102303.56	54,500	55755.44	54.50
2017-18	Toor	Andhra Pradesh *	25296.66	54,500	13786.68	54.50
2017-18	Gram	Telangana *	9324.95	44,000	4102.98	44.00
2017-18	Gram	Karnataka *	20915.93	44,000	9203.01	44.00
2017-18	Gram	Andhra Pradesh *	6241.60	44,000	2746.30	44.00

* As on 12.03.2018

Statement-II

Details of Procurement of Pulses under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) from 2015-16 to 2017-18

Pulses	2015-16 Procure- ment (in MTs)	Basic Procure- ment Cost (₹/kg) (Tentative)	2016-17 Procure- ment (in MTs)	Basic Procure- ment Cost ₹/kg (Tentative)	2017-18 Procure- ment (in MTs)	Basic Procure- ment Cost ₹/kg (Tentative)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tur	45530.86	87	907259.55	50.50	258638.94	50.50

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Urad	4891.67	103	88492.55	63		
Moong			209934.52	52.25		
Chana	11.55	60	60481.78	60	60254.67	51.84
Masur	58.47	57	8497.28	57	27073.89	39.63
TOTAL	50492.55		1274665.68		345967.50	

Feminization of agriculture sector

2415. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to address the differential access of women to resources like land, credit, water, seeds and markets, etc. in view of economic survey 2017-18 which pointed out increasing "feminisation" of agriculture sector;

(b) whether Government has considered adopting gender-specific interventions to raise agricultural productivity of small farm holdings and women as active agents in rural transformation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare has been taking various initiatives to improve women access to inputs and resources which include:

- The guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana - Per Drop More Crop; Rainfed Development Component of National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and Sub-Mission on Agro-forestry provide for earmarking at least 50 percent of the allocation for small and marginal farmers, of which 30 percent should be women farmers.
- Financial assistance/subsidy benefits are equally available/open to all farmers including women under Seed Village Programme of Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material;
- Under agriculture Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a sub component of