

Implementation of TOP Scheme

1386. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) Scheme has been finalised by the Central Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds allocated to companies operating in the Food Processing Industry, State/UT/Company-wise;

(c) whether Government has maintained the data regarding post harvest sale of TOP crops, the details thereof, if so, State/UT/date-wise for current season along with the volume of business on per day basis; and

(d) the details of MSP for TOP crops for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) and (b) In pursuance to budget announcement for the year 2018-19, MoFPI has launched a new central sector scheme "Operation Greens—A scheme for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain" with a budgetary allocation of ₹ 500 crore spread over 2018-19 and 2019-20 with allocation of ₹ 200 crore and ₹ 300 crore respectively. The scheme guidelines was uploaded on the ministry's website on 05.11.2018. Proposals under the scheme have been invited *vide* EOI dated 10.11.2018.

(c) Agriculture including Agricultural Marketing is a State subject and wholesale trade of agricultural produce is carried out through a network of Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC)s functioning under the ambit of State APMC Acts. 15 States and Union Territories (UTs) have made such provisions in their State APMCs that farmers can sale their TOP commodities outside the APMCs without paying market fee. Therefore, the data on the post-harvest sale in the country as requested in the question is not captured. However, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is implementing Market Research and Information Network (MRIN) through which 3355 mandies across the country are linked to Agmarknet portal wherein APMC markets are reporting arrival and price information. Under the scheme, around 400 APMC Markets only are reporting mandi arrivals and prices data on TOP crops on daily basis on Agmarknet portal which is available on public domain.

(d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not fixed any minimum support price (MSP) for TOP crops.