

Bringing vegetables, fruits and flowers under PMFBY

†1291. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether perishable produces like vegetables, fruits and flowers are covered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) whether vegetable production will be brought under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) category as vegetable prices drop to one rupee, two rupees or three rupees and farmers do not get even their production cost; and

(c) whether Government has any plan in this regard so that small farmers can get relief?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) provides coverage to all those crops for which the past yield data based on Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) is available, and the State Government has the capacity to conduct requisite number of CCEs at insurance unit area level and the crop is grown in sufficiently large area. However, vegetables and fruits can also be covered under the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS). Crops and areas under RWBCIS are notified by the concerned State Government and some of the fruit crops like mango, apple, citrus fruits and vegetable like tomato, potato, brinjal, lady finger, chilli etc. are already notified by some of the States.

(b) and (c) To protect the growers of perishable agricultural/horticultural commodities which are not covered under Price Support Scheme (PSS) from making distress sale of these commodities in the event of a bumper crop during peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of these commodities.

Insurance claims under PMFBY

1292. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) was launched in 2016 to provide timely insurance and premium subsidy to the farmers for their produce and insurance claims for crop failures;

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