So far, Microwave backhaul carriers have been allotted only through administrative process.

(c) to (e) Not applicable in view of (a) to (b) above.

Note: MWA stands for Microwave Access and TSPs stands for Telecom Service Providers.

Non-disbursement of MSP to farmers

*63. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers in the country are still unable to repay loans due to non-receiving of MSP in the country;

(b) if so, the details of Central support of MSP to farmers for the period 2016-17, 2017-18 and April to December, 2018, crop-wise;

(c) the disbursement of MSPs to farmers during the said periods; and

(d) the action taken by Government to safeguard the interests of the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) Sir, there is no such information.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. However, the crop-wise details of procurement made from farmers at MSP for the period 2016-17, 2017-18 and April to December, 2018 are given in Statement-I, II, III and IV respectively (*See* below). For these procurement, farmers have been granted MSP for their produce.

(d) In order to ensure Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers an umbrella scheme of "Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan" (PM-AASHA), comprising Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS), and pilot of Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme (PPSS) and existing schemes of Department of Food and Public Distribution and Ministry of Textiles.

Further, for transparent price discovery to get remunerative prices for the farmers for their produce through competitive online bidding system, Government is implementing National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) scheme. In order to optimize the use of scarce resources and mitigate the uncertainty in price and marketing, Government has formulated and released a progressive and facilitative Model Act "The–State/UT Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2018" in May, 2018 for its adoption by the States/Union Territories

(UTs). The aforesaid Model Contract Farming Act covers the entire value and supply chain from pre-production to post harvest marketing including services contract for the agricultural produce and livestock. Further, In order to provide better marketing facilities to the farmers, the Government has released a new model "The Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2017" in April, 2017 for its adoption by States/UTs. The model act provides for alternative marketing channels such as setting up of private markets, direct marketing, farmer-consumer markets, special commodity markets, to facilitate farmers in marketing their produce at competitive and remunerative prices. To develop Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure including storage infrastructure, Government is implementing capital investment subsidy sub-scheme "Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)" of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) with two distinct marketing infrastructure components either (i) Storage Infrastructure in rural area, and (ii) Other than storage infrastructure.

Statement

Details of pulses and oilseeds procured at MSP under PSS and PSF during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 (April to December, 2018)

Year/Commodity	MSP (₹ Per MT)	Quantity Procured	MSP Cost
		(in MTs)	(₹ in lakh)
1	2	3	4
2016-17			
Milling Copra	59500	4488.94	2670.92
Ball Copra	62400	1836.86	1146.20
Groundnut	42200	210731.16	88928.55
Moong	52250	219431.23	114652.82
Soyabean	27750	162.19	45.01
Sunflower Seed	38000	4949.31	1880.74
Toor	50500	1353095.52	683313.24
Total		1794695.21	892637.47
2017-18			
Groundnut-Rabi	42200	947.77	399.96
Groundnut-Kharif	44500	1049136.91	466865.92
Moong-Rabi	52250	112405.99	58732.13
Moong-Kharif	55750	294903.19	164408.53

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1	2	3	4
Mustard Seed	37000	36940.18	13667.87
Sesamum Seed	50000	3419.81	1709.91
Soyabean	30500	72282.10	22046.04
Sunflower Seed	39500	6539.09	2582.94
Toor	54500	873758.62	476198.45
Urad-Rabi	54000	276666.25	149399.78
Urad-Kharif	50000	15747.65	7873.83
Total		2742747.56	1363885.34
2018-19			
Gram	44000	2769430.16	1218549.27
Groundnut-Rabi	44500	2660.01	1183.70
Groundnut-Kharif	48900	360810.29	176436.23
Masoor	42500	246943.85	104951.14
Moong-Rabi	55750	4279.16	2385.63
Moong-Kharif	69750	259723.32	181157.02
Mustard Seed	40000	873661.00	349464.40
Nigerseed	58770	0.40	0.24
Soyabean	33990	18771.93	6380.58
Sunflower Seed	41000	2745.43	1125.63
Toor	56750	8171.70	4637.44
Urad-Rabi	54000	86927.63	46940.92
Urad-Kharif	56000	237206.37	132835.57
Total		4871331.25	2226047.76
Grand Total		9408774.02	4482570.57

Statement-II

Statement-II					
Details of MSP and procurement of Rice and Wheat					

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State/UT	KMS	2016-17	KMS	2017-18	KMS	KMS 2018-19		
	MSP of Paddy (₹ per quintal)	(in LMT)		Procurement (in LMT)	MSP of Paddy (₹ per quintal)	Procurement (in LMT)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Common -1470/-		Common -1550/-		Common -1750/-			
Andhra Pradesh	and Grade 'A'	37.24	and Grade 'A'	27.25	and Grade 'A'	22.60		
Telangana	-1510/-	35.95	- 1590/-	12.23	-1770/-	26.82		
Assam		0.46		0.19		0.15		
Bihar		12.34		6.96		1.25		
Chandigarh		0.13		0.14		0.13		
Chhattisgarh		40.22		32.07		40.80		
Delhi								
Gujarat		0.01		0.01		0.09		
Haryana		35.83		39.67		39.09		
Himachal Pradesh								
Jammu and Kashmir		0.08		0.13		0.09		
Jharkhand		1.39		1.12		0.36		
Karnataka								
Kerala		3.08		1.62		0.64		
Madhya Pradesh		13.14		10.96		13.95		
Maharashtra		3.09		1.58		2.59		
Nagaland								
Odisha		36.3		24.43		23.70		
Puducherry								
Punjab		110.52		118.33		113.30		
Rajasthan						0.07		
Tamil Nadu		1.44		4.59				

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Uttar Pradesh		23.54		28.75		2.51
Uttarakhand		7.06		0.38		27.60
West Bengal		19.23		0.27		4.52
Others		0.00		0.00		8.90
All India Total	Grade	381.05		310.68		329.17

Note: The above consolidated procurement details as provided by Department of Food and Public Distribution and MSP has been paid as per paddy variety procured from farmers.

			(Figures in LMT)
State/UT	MSP of Paddy	Procurement	MSP of Paddy
	(₹ per quintal)	(in LMT)	(₹ per quintal)
1	2	3	4
2016-17			
Punjab	1625/-	106.49	17304.14
Haryana		67.52	10971.72
Uttar Pradesh		7.97	1295.49
Uttarakhand		0.02	3.83
Madhya Pradesh		39.92	6486.67
Gujarat		0.00	0.18
Rajasthan		7.62	1237.54
Bihar			0.00
Himachal Pradesh		0.00	0.80
Chandigarh		0.07	12.13
Total		229.62	37312.50
2017-18			
Punjab	1735/-	117.06	20309.91
Haryana		74.32	12894.52
Uttar Pradesh		36.99	6417.77
Uttarakhand		0.02	3.47
Madhya Pradesh		67.25	11667.88
Gujarat		0.08	13.88
Rajasthan		12.45	2160.08

(B) Details of MSP and procurement of Wheat at MSP

1	2	3	4
Bihar			0.00
Himachal Pradesh			0.00
Chandigarh		0.08	13.88
Total		308.25	53481.38
2018-19			
Punjab	1840/-	126.92	23353.71
Haryana		87.84	16162.37
Uttar Pradesh		52.94	9740.81
Uttarakhand		1.10	201.76
Madhya Pradesh		73.13	13456.79
Gujarat		0.37	68.59
Rajasthan		15.32	2819.12
Bihar		0.18	32.21
Himachal Pradesh		0.01	1.51
Chandigarh		0.14	26.12
Total		357.95	65862.99

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Kms	Commodity	MSP (₹ Per Quintal)	Gujarat	Haryana	Karnataka	Madhya Pradesh	Maharashtra	Total
2016-17	Jowar	Hybrid-1625 Maldandi-1650					3733	3733
	Bajra	1330		6341				6341
	Maize	1365				50000	12181	62181
	Ragi	1725						0
	Total		0	6341	0	50000	15914	72255
2017-18	Jowar	Hybrid-1700 Maldandi-1725				264	2668	2932
	Bajra	1425		31347		4121		35468
	Maize	1425					47794	47794
	Ragi	1900						0
	Total		0	31347	0	4385	50462	86194
2018-19*	Jowar	Hybrid-2430 Maldandi-2450				135	3327	3462
	Bajra	1950	405	180744		4099		185248
	Maize	1700	1453				5335	6788
	Ragi							0
	Total		1858	180744	0	4234	8662	195498

Details of procurement of coarse grains

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* as on 31.12.2018

Note: The above consolidated procurement details as provided by Department of Food and Public Distribution and MSP has been paid as per Jowar variety procured from farmers.

Statement-IV

Details of procurement of raw cotton and jute

(A) Details of procurement of raw cotton made by CCI at MSP from 2016-17 to 2018-19

State	MSP (₹ per Qtl.)	Procurement (in lakh bales)
2016-17		
Punjab	Medium	-
Haryana	Staple-3860/- and	-
Rajasthan	Long Staple-4160/-	-
Gujarat		-
Maharashtra		-
Madhya Pradesh		-
Andhra Pradesh		-
Telangana		-
Karnataka		-
Odisha		-
West Bengal and others		0.005
Total		0.005
2017-18		
Punjab	Medium	-
Haryana	Staple-4020/- and	-
Rajasthan	Long Staple-4320/-	-
Gujarat		0.951
Maharashtra		0.146
Madhya Pradesh		0.078
Andhra Pradesh		0.065
Telangana		2.635
Karnataka		0.003
Odisha		0.020
West Bengal and others		0.004
Total		3.902

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State	MSP (₹ per Qtl.)	Procurement (in lakh bales)
2018-19*		
Punjab	Medium	-
Haryana	Staple-5150/- and	-
Rajasthan	Long Staple-5450/-	-
Gujarat		0.042
Maharashtra		0.762
Madhya Pradesh		0.399
Andhra Pradesh		0.047
Telangana		5.091
Karnataka		0.053
Odisha		0.186
West Bengal and others		-
Total		6.582

* as on 03.02.2019

Note: The above consolidated procurement details as provided by Ministry of Textiles and MSP has been paid as per cotton variety procured from farmers.

(B) Details of procurement of jute made by JCI at MSP from 2016-17 to 2018-19

2016-17		2017-18		2018-19*	
MSP	Procurement	MSP	Procurement	MSP	Procurement
(₹ per Qtl.)	(in quintals)	(₹ per Qtl.)	(in quintals)	(₹ per Qtl.)	(in quintals)
3200/	100462.68	3500/-	609014.33	3700/-	130791.51

* upto 31.12.2018

Construction of railway line from Sakri to Nirmali and from Jhanjharpur to Laukaha

 \dagger *64. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway line from Sakri to Jhanjharpur, Nirmali and Saraigarh, from Jhanjharpur to Laukaha Bazar is being converted into broad gauge;

(b) whether Railways have failed to follow the set time-frame;

[†] Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.