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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1291
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02/08/2024

PROCUREMENT OF PULSES UNDER PRICE SUPPORT SCHEME

1291. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Government has removed the ceiling on procurement of three pulses, namely tur, urad and masoor, under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for the 2023-24 season to boost domestic production, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the current status of operation of the Price Support Scheme (PSS); and
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure that the Scheme is activated only when the prices of agricultural produce fall below the Minimum Support Price (MSP)?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

- (a): In order to incentivize the farmers for enhancement of domestic production, the existing procurement ceiling in respect of Tur, Urad and Masur under Price Support Scheme (PSS) was lifted for the year 2023-24 and the same has been extended for the year 2024-25 also.
- (b): The procurement details of oilseeds and pulses under Price Support Scheme (PSS) during 2023-24 is at Annexure-I.
- (c): Government implements Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of notified oil seeds, pulses and copra conforming to the prescribed Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms directly from pre-registered farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) as and when prices fall below the MSP during the harvesting period. This scheme is implemented at the request of the concerned State Governments / Union Territories which agrees to exempt the procured commodities from levy of mandi tax and assist central nodal agencies in logistic arrangements, including gunny bags, working capital for state agencies, creation of revolving fund for PSS operations, etc. as required under the scheme guidelines.

Procurement details of oilseeds and pulses under Price Support Scheme (PSS)
during 2023-24

Year/Category/Commodity	Quantity procured (in MT)	MSP Value (Rs. in Crore)	Number of farmers benefitted
2023-24	21,29,947.58	14,180.70	9,54,148
Oil seed	14,42,601.23	8,960.43	6,56,030
COPRA	1,34,341.36	1,503.61	91,031
GROUNDNUT	75,726.98	482.91	27,430
MUSTARD SEED	12,09,887.85	6,835.87	5,21,946
SOYABEAN	6,963.22	32.03	4,086
SUNFLOWER SEED	15,681.82	106.01	11,537
Pulses	6,87,346.35	5,220.27	2,98,118
GRAM	43,125.97	234.61	15,409
MASOOR	2,47,337.76	1,589.15	1,16,907
MOONG	3,96,882.62	3,396.52	1,65,802
