

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF FARMERS PRODUCE AT SUPPORT PRICE THROUGH PURCHASE CENTRES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of delegation from Karnataka met him recently and urged to sanction adequate funds to the State for buying farmers produce at the support price through purchase centres; and

(b) the reaction of the Union Government on such demands?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): A team of delegation from the State of Karnataka met the Agriculture Minister. The Government have relaxed the specifications for procurement of maize as under:-

(i) Damaged grains upto a maximum limit of 2 per cent instead of 1.5 per cent provided under uniform specification with full value cut over 1.5 per cent.

(ii) Slightly damaged, discoloured and touched grains upto a maximum limit of 6 per cent instead of 4.5 per cent as provided under uniform specification with full value cut over 4.5 per cent.