

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:211  
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002  
GROUNDNUT GROWERS  
RAMSINH PATALIYABHAI RATHWA

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the groundnut growers in Gujarat and some other States are not getting remunerative price for their produce;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial action proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 211 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18TH MARCH, 2002.

(a) to (c): In order to give remunerative prices to the Ground-nut growers, the Government had fixed Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Groundnut Pods of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) for 2000 and 2001 season at Rs.1220 per quintal and Rs.1340 per quintal respectively. The National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), a Central Nodal Agency was directed to undertake price support operation if prices touch MSP level. The market prices of Groundnut pods during 2000 in the State of Gujarat ruled above MSP, as such no purchases were required under the Scheme. However, at certain places in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Orissa prices ruled below MSP and accordingly market intervention was undertaken by NAFED. During 2001 also as the market prices of groundnut pods ruled below MSP in certain areas including in the State of Gujarat, NAFED through its cooperative network procured a quantity of 1,62,738 tonnes of groundnut pods as on 16.2.2002. Procurement was suspended after 31.1.2002 in States like Gujarat, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh since the market prices stabilized above MSP. However, purchases in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are still in progress as prices of groundnut in certain centres in these States are ruling below MSP.

The State-wise purchases of groundnut pods under the scheme during last two years are given as under:-

Qty. in MT

State    Kharif, 2000    Rabi, 2001    Kharif, 2001

Gujarat	-	1,16,145	
Rajasthan	-	27,794	
Andhra Pradesh	28,099		14,128
Karnataka	609	2,651	
Uttar Pradesh	-	2,020	
Orissa	427	-	

TOTAL    29,135    1,62,738