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MARKET INTERVENTION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the Market Intervention Scheme;

(b) whether the objectives have been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has commissioned any study to assess the impact of Market Intervention Scheme on the farmers in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) covers agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Minimum price support scheme. In order to protect the growers from making distress sale, Government of India implements MIS for a particular commodity on the request of State Government in the event of bumper production and during the peak arrival period, when prices fall below the economic level. Losses suffered, if any, are shared between Central Government and the State Government on 50:50 basis (75:25 in case of North-Eastern States). However, the amount of loss to be shared between Central Government and the concerned State Government is restricted to 25% of the procurement cost. Profit, if any, earned by the procuring agencies is retained by them.

(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. The response of State Governments for implementation of MIS has been encouraging. The MIS has been implemented for commodities like apples, kinnoo/malta, oranges, arecanut, pineapple, ginger, red-chillies, coriander seed, cumin seed, hatkora, passion fruit, onion, potatoes palm oil etc, in the states of Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Uttaranchal.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise.