

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF POTATO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been bumper production of Potato in the country including Bihar during the current harvest season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether several State Governments including West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh have requested the Government to provide remunerative price to potato growers under the Market Intervention Scheme in view of bumper production of potato;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to procure potatoes from the farmers; and
- (f) the details of potato purchased by procuring agencies alongwith the rate at which potato is being procured, State-wise?

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)&(b): Yes, Madam. The area and production of potatoes in current year is expected to be more as compared to last year especially in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

(c)to(f): During the current crop season, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, has received proposal from Government of West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh for providing remunerative prices for potato under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). Under MIS scheme, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has given approval for procurement of potato @ Rs. 300/- per quintal in West Bengal (9.00 lakh MT) and Uttar Pradesh (1.00 lakh MT).