

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF OILSEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Agricultural Cooperative marketing Federation of India (NAFED) procures oilseeds including mustard seed under the Price Support Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other agencies involved in the procurement of the said commodities;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding corruption/irregularities/mismanagement in the procurement of such commodities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

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. NAFED, being a central nodal agency of the Government of India is undertaking procurement of different oil seeds, including mustard seeds under Price Support Scheme (PSS) through the State level designated agencies and primary cooperative marketing/oil seeds growers societies. From 2010-11, the Government has also appointed National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India (NCCF) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) as central agencies in addition to NAFED for procurement of oil seeds and pulses under PSS.

(c): No.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.