

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2950  
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FUND FOR ONION DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to make provisions to set up a Development Fund for Onion on the line of the Sugar Development Fund (SDF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to implement Market Intervention Scheme to compensate the losses incurred by the Onion farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the import prices of Onion?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (e): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is not contemplating setting up of Development Fund for onion on the line of Sugar Development Fund (SDF).

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, upon receipt of proposals from State Governments, implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities, under which losses, if any, are shared between the Central Government and State Government concerned on 50:50 basis (75:25 in case of North Eastern States).

During 2011-12, the scheme was implemented in Karnataka for procurement of 54,000 MT of onion @ Rs. 6000 per MT.

No proposal is under consideration on import prices of onion.