

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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STORAGE AND MARKETING OF SOYABEAN  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any special scheme has been formulated by the Government for storage and marketing of soyabean produced in the current kharif season as a result of increase in the area of land under cultivation of soyabean;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to compensate the soyabean producing farmers who had suffered losses in the previous years;
- (d) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the views and reaction of the Government on soyabean export during the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Agriculture promotes creation of scientific storage infrastructure through the scheme of Gramin Bhandaran Yojana (GBY) to meet the requirement of farmers for storing farm produce, processed farm produce and agricultural inputs. The scheme is not crop specific. As far as marketing of soyabean is concerned, procurement support is provided to the farmers through the Price Support Scheme for procurement of soyabean through various central agencies like National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF). These Central agencies undertake the procurement operations as and when market prices of Soyaben fall below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) decided by Government of India. Further, NAFED, as the nodal agency for procurement of oilseeds, has been making all required arrangements including storage before harvest of notified Oilseeds including soyabean. As usual during ensuing Kharif season also, adequate storage arrangement will be made for Soyabean to be procured under Price Support Scheme in all Soyabean producing States with active cooperation of State Governments/CWC & SWCs.

(c) & (d): During previous 5 years or more, the rates of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) Soyabean had ruled above its MSPs and no procurement of Soyabean was necessitated during these years. Thus, the Soyabean producing farmers had not suffered any losses in the previous years;

(e): Export of Soyabena is allowed. This Ministry supports export of Soyabean to ensure better remuneration to farmers.