

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF MUSTARD SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NAFED makes all the required arrangements for the procurement of mustard seeds including oilseeds covered under the Support Price Scheme with the cooperation of designated agencies in all mustard producing States to provide the benefits of the scheme to the farmers during the rabi and the kharif seasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the farmers are not satisfied with these arrangements; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In order to make smooth procurement of oilseeds and pulses including mustard seeds under Price Support Scheme (PSS), NAFED makes all necessary arrangements well in advance like publicity of minimum support price (MSP) to create awareness among farmers, identification of procurement centres, deployment of man power, arrangement of packing materials, storage space, notification of harvest periods, average yield of the crop, notification of the land documents, appointment of surveyors, finalization of incidentals, execution of agreements with state level agencies etc.

(c): No such complaint has been reported.

(d): Question does not arise. However, NAFED has been asked to monitor the PSS operations regularly to avoid any dissatisfaction of the farmers.