

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3105
ANSWERED ON:11.02.2014
PROCUREMENT OF GROUNDNUT BY NAFED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether groundnut is being purchased by the NAFED on the Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers in Rajasthan are facing crisis due to non-purchase of groundnut from them;
- (d) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to resolve the crisis;
- (e) whether the Government has declared that groundnut will be purchased only till 14th February, 2014;
- (f) if so, whether the Government proposes to extend the time limit; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. NAFED has reported procurement of 2,38,954 MT of groundnut under Price Support Scheme (PSS) during Kharif 2013-14 season in the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) & (d): there has been some problem with availability of storage space for carrying out procurement operations and availability of resources with NAFED. Government of India has provided additional credit limit of Rs.531 crore to NAFED for carrying out procurement operations. The two designated agencies namely; Rajfed and Tilham Sangh are undertaking procurement of groundnut under PSS on behalf of NAFED.

(e) to (g): The period of procurement of 90 days notified by the Government of Rajasthan will end on 12/02/2014. However, the Government of Rajasthan has requested to extend the period for procurement of groundnut under Minimum Support Price. The request of State Government has been agreed to in the interest of farmers, depending upon availability of storage space and infrastructural facilities for procurement of groundnut in Rajasthan, up to 28/02/2014.