

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MONITORING OF PROCUREMENT CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government monitors the procurement centres for crops produced by the farmers like groundnut, mustard, wheat, cotton, potato, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints of non-procurement of farmers` crops at support price at the appropriate time; and
- (d) if so, the number of complaints received by the Government during the last three years and the current year along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Procurement is undertaken at Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the crops covered under MSP scheme. Potato is not covered under MSP. Producers of the crops covered under MSP have the option to sell their produce to Government agencies at MSP or in the open market as is advantageous to them.

Procurement under MSP is undertaken by the designated central agencies and State Governments.

MSP operations are monitored by the Government. Directives are issued to the State Governments and the procurement agencies from time to time to ensure procurement at MSP.