

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up any regulatory/monitoring agency to monitor and regulatory the demand and supply of vegetables and fruits to keep their prices under control;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the monitoring agency is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (c): There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. However, Price Stabilization Fund (PSF), a Plan scheme with a corpus of Rs.500.00 crores has been approved to support market interventions for price control of perishable agri-horticultural commodities. The Fund will initially support market interventions for onion and potatoes.

The Fund will be maintained as Corpus by Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) and its implementation will be monitored by Price Stabilization Fund Management Committee (PSFMC) headed by Secretary (A&C). The Central Corpus Fund will also support market intervention by Central Agencies like SFAC, NAFED, etc. to undertake price control operations for onion and potato.