

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2015
MSP for Pulses
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers are unable to sell their produce including pulses at Minimum Support Price (MSP) and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to procure Moong lentil from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP); and
- (c) if so, the minimum support price of Moong lentil during each of the last three years and the quantum of Moong lentil procured from farmers during the said period, agency-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 35 DUE FOR REPLY ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2015.

(a): The Government procures farmers produce including pulses under Price Support Scheme (PSS) at Minimum Support Price (MSP) on a specific proposal as per the PSS guidelines from a State Government. All such proposals received from the State Govt. are considered and necessary instructions to the central agencies issued for immediate commencement of procurement by the Government.

(b): No proposal from any State Government was received by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) for procurement of Moong in the last 5 years. Further, prices of Moong in the producing states have generally prevailed above MSP during the last 5 years. Therefore, procurement of Moong under PSS was not necessitated.

(c): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Moong was Rs.4500, Rs.4600 and Rs.4650 per quintal respectively in 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16. For 2015-16, Government has also declared a bonus of Rs. 200 over & above MSP of Rs. 4650 per quintal.
