

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3902
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SALE OF GROUNDNUTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers are incurring huge loss in sale of groundnut in the open market since the procurement by the Government agencies has not been started in various parts of the country including Rajasthan during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to procure the groundnut at support price; and
- (d) if so, the number of procurement centres likely to be set up by the Government for procurement of groundnut in the country including Rajasthan?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The prices of groundnut are reported to be ruling below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) in various parts of the country, including in Rajasthan during the current season. Government would arrange for procurement of groundnuts under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) as soon as the State Governments concerned agree to exempt the procured commodities from levy of mandi tax and assist National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) in logistic arrangements, including gunny bags, working capital for state agencies, creation of revolving fund for PSS operations, etc. as required under the scheme guidelines.