GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3877TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST DECEMBER, 2021

PURCHASE OF MAIZE

3877. SHRI NAKUL KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that despite the Central Government's directive to State Governments to purchase maize from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs. 1,870 per quintal, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is not purchasing maize from the farmers, forcing them to sell their produce between Rs. 1,000-1,200 per quintal causing huge losses to them; and
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to issue fresh directives to the Government of Madhya Pradesh to purchase maize from farmers at MSP of Rs. 1,870 to protect the interests of farmers of Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government of India grants permission for procurement of coarse grains at Minimum Support Price (MSP) on the basis of procurement plan received from State Government, as per extant guidelines. Government from time to time has been issuing various circulars to the States/UTs for promoting procurement and distribution of the coarse grains in Public Distribution System and Other Welfare Scheme.
