

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2737
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24/03/2023

PM-AASHA SCHEME

2737. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme, since its launch;
- (b) funds allocated, released and spent under the scheme since its launch;
- (c) amount of pulses, oilseeds and copra procured by central nodal agencies under the PSS component of the scheme;
- (d) percentage of the marketable surplus of farmers for eligible crops, achieved by Government; and
- (e) whether Government has taken any measures to address the issues of delay in payments, lack of infrastructure at procurement centers, distance from procurement centers and delayed announcement of MSP rates under the scheme, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) : The procurement details of pulses, oilseeds and copra procured at Minimum Support Price (MSP) by Central Nodal agencies and the number of farmers benefitted under Price Support Scheme (PSS) since the launch of PM-AASHA i.e. 2018-19 season is at Annexure-I and Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimates (RE) and Expenditure since 2018-19 is at Annexure-II .

(d) & (e): Under the scheme, payments to the farmers are made strictly through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) or National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) by the procuring agencies within three days of purchase of their produce. Further, for making effective procurement by Government agencies at MSP and providing maximum benefits of MSP to the farmers, procurement centres are opened by respective State Government Agencies and Central Nodal Agencies after taking into account the production, marketable surplus, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics / infrastructure such as storage and transportation etc. large number of the purchase centres in addition to the existing Mandis and depots / godowns are also established at key points for the convenience of farmers to ensure procurement at MSP and also to prevent sale below MSP. The MSP are announced well before the sowing season so that the farmers can take an informed decision for sowing a particular crop.

The farmers have option to sell their food grains at the Government purchase centers and if they gets better terms and price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market. Moreover, the overall market also responds to declaration of MSP and Government's procurement operations which results in private procurement on or above the MSP for various notified food grains.

Annexure-I

Year/Category/ Commodity	Quantity Procured (in MTs)	MSP Value (Rs. in Lakh)	Number of farmers benefitted
2018-19	37,73,948.69	18,70,623.00	22,15,116
Oil seed	18,29,295.44	8,16,651.05	8,45,228
GROUNDNUT	7,17,514.93	3,50,864.80	3,35,641
MUSTARD SEED	10,88,945.26	4,57,357.01	4,96,122
NIGERSEED	15.90	9.34	17
SOYABEAN	19,483.02	6,622.28	11,364
SUNFLOWER SEED	3,336.33	1,797.61	2,084
Pulses	19,44,653.25	10,53,971.95	13,69,888
GRAM	7,76,406.21	3,58,699.67	3,56,430
MASOOR	56,237.87	25,166.45	45,700
MOONG	3,28,714.16	2,29,278.13	2,77,105
TOOR	2,91,000.87	1,65,142.99	2,81,849
URAD	4,92,294.14	2,75,684.72	4,08,804
2019-20	43,97,588.68	22,05,131.45	24,58,211
COPRA	313.84	298.81	935
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Oil seed	15,42,874.02	7,30,688.71	6,73,574
GROUNDNUT	7,23,085.62	3,68,050.58	3,47,446
MUSTARD SEED	8,03,843.64	3,55,700.81	3,18,477
SOYABEAN	10,677.68	3,961.42	4,550
SUNFLOWER SEED	5,267.08	2,975.90	3,101
Pulses	28,54,400.82	14,74,143.93	17,83,702
GRAM	21,58,434.06	10,52,236.60	11,08,514
MASOOR	1,433.68	688.17	1,898
MOONG	1,47,130.39	1,03,726.92	1,05,864
TOOR	5,47,270.38	3,17,416.82	5,67,327
URAD	132.31	75.42	99
2020-21	11,12,259.19	6,11,384.28	6,55,940
COPRA	5,088.92	5,240.38	3,961
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Oil seed	2,90,123.42	1,53,276.58	1,55,446
GROUNDNUT	2,86,233.33	1,50,988.08	1,52,726
MUSTARD SEED	0.68	0.32	4
SOYABEAN	3.69	1.43	3
SUNFLOWER SEED	3,885.72	2,286.75	2,713
Pulses	8,17,046.85	4,52,867.33	4,96,533

GRAM	6,37,545.78	3,25,148.35	4,02,694
MASOOR	18.35	9.36	39
MOONG	1,67,391.20	1,20,454.71	84,732
TOOR	11,004.46	6,602.68	7,690
URAD	1,087.06	652.24	1,378
2021-22	31,82,591.64	17,47,831.41	14,68,699
COPRA	32.95	34.05	115
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Oil seed	1,51,601.78	84,227.59	77,847
GROUNDNUT	1,49,696.34	83,081.47	76,647
SUNFLOWER SEED	1,905.44	1,146.12	1,200
Pulses	30,30,956.91	16,63,569.77	13,90,737
GRAM	26,29,460.83	13,75,208.01	11,68,730
MOONG	3,63,274.09	2,64,281.90	1,95,338
TOOR	36,184.14	22,796.01	24,084
URAD	2,037.85	1,283.85	2,585
2022-23	3,09,107.42	2,17,846.27	1,82,069
COPRA	43,898.32	46,842.00	21,419
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Oil seed	8,386.94	4,924.47	4,354
GROUNDNUT	7,077.14	4,140.13	3,516
MUSTARD SEED	567.65	309.37	268
SUNFLOWER SEED	742.15	474.98	570
Pulses	2,56,822.16	1,66,079.80	1,56,296
GRAM	1,36,700.72	72,929.83	83,803
MOONG	1,20,084.99	93,125.91	72,466
URAD	36.45	24.06	27
Grand Total	1,27,75,495.62	66,52,816.42	69,80,035

Note:- In addition to the above, a quantity of 16.83 lakh MT of Soyabean were also supported under Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) component of PM-AASHA in the state of Madhya Pradesh during the year 2018-19 benefitted 6,20,945 farmers.

Annexure-II**(Rs. in cr.)**

Year	BE	RE	Expenditure
2018-19	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
2019-20	3,000.00	2,531.80	2,004.60
2020-21	2,000.00	1,681.10	1,357.80
2021-22	1,500.50	3,595.61	2,290.56
2022-23 (as on 21.03.2023)	1,500.00	1,500.00	933.02
