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PURCHASE MECHANISM OF NAFED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the purchase mechanism of products by NAFED is not satisfactory and the benefit is not reaching the farmers;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): NAFED undertakes purchase of agricultural commodities under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) as Central nodal agency and for its commercial operations. Under PSS and MIS, NAFED purchases through State Co-operative Marketing Federations and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Societies, without involving any middlemen. Payments to farmers are released expeditiously after the purchases. Thus, the benefits of these operations reach the farmers.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.