

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3526
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2005
PROCUREMENT OF MUSTARD
Choudhary Smt. Anuradha;Khan Shri Mohammad Tahir

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has restricted the procurement of mustard as reported in the Novbharat Times dated March 17, 2005; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), the Central Nodal Agency for procurement of Oilseeds & Pulses, has not been instructed by the Government to restrict procurement of Mustard seed under Price Support Scheme. NAFED has already procured 7.63 lakh Tonnes of mustard seed under Price Support Scheme upto 11.04.2005 and the procurement of mustard seed is continued.