

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT BY NAFED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) procures the agricultural products in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such produces procured during the last three years and current year, State-wise, product-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether complaints have been received from the farmers of Vidharbha region regarding non-procurement of soyabeans by the NAFED;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any assessment has been made of the losses suffered by the soyabean producing farmers as a result thereof; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) is the Central nodal agency for procurement of notified oilseeds and pulses under Price Support Scheme (PSS). A statement showing State-wise, product-wise and year-wise procurement of oilseeds, pulses and cotton procured by NAFED under PSS from 2003-2004 to 2005-2006 and current year is annexed.

(c) to (f): No such complaints have come to the notice of the Government. The rates of soyabean in the State of Maharashtra including Vidharbha region prevailed much above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) during kharif 2006. Hence the intervention of NAFED for procurement of soyabean under PSS was not required and the farmers got remunerative price for their soyabean crop during kharif 2006 season.