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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.440 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

PROCUREMENT OF APPLES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

440. SHRI JAI PRAKASH:

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

- (a) the total quantum of apples procured by the Government after formulating the scheme of direct purchase of apples from apple growers through NAFED after scrapping of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir so far; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure remunerative price to the apple growers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): Government, through Central Nodal Agency i.e. NAFED, has procured 7,940.0465MT of apples in Jammu and Kashmir as on 12.11.2019, by exempting the provisions contained in the extant guidelines of market Intervention Scheme (MIS) as a one-time measure.
- (b): Apples are being procured by Central Nodal Agency through State agency from willing apple growers at mandies designated by Jammu and Kashmir Administration, at remunerative support prices fixed by Designated price fixation committees. The scheme envisages the transfer of the sale consideration into the farmers' bank accounts.
