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Title: Regarding paddy procurement by Government in Assam-laid.

**SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI (NOWGONG):** The paddy harvest season is presently underway in Assam, but farmers are still left wanting for remunerative pricing. Assam has been one of the top 10 rice-producing states in India, with optimal climatic and soil conditions for paddy cultivation, but due to inadequate government procurement, only 0.2% of paddy farmers avail MSP. As per FCI data, in 2019-20, Assam produced 50.98 LMT of rice, out of which only 2.11 LMT was procured, while Haryana with a similar quantum of production at 48.24 LMT benefitted from procurement of 43.07 LMT. If the people of Assam and the Northeast at large can avail PMGKY and FSA guaranteed rice from Assam's surplus paddy itself, Assam's farmers would be ensured remunerative prices for their paddy while also ensuring savings on transportation cost of rice, usually dispatched from Punjab or Haryana. I strongly urge for Government intervention in this regard.