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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.326
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2024

PROCUREMENT OF RICE UNDER NFSM

†*326. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance being provided by the Government for the procurement of rice under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- (b) whether the Government proposes procurement of high quality Basmati rice; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *326 FOR ANSWER ON 18.12.2024 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) is implemented by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) in 28 States and 2 Union Territories (UTs) viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The objective of NFSNM is to increase production of foodgrains including rice through area expansion and productivity enhancement. The NFSNM-Rice component is being implemented in 24 states & UT of Jammu & Kashmir. Under NFSNM-Rice, the incentives are provided to the farmers, through the States/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, integrated nutrient and pest management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/resource conservation machineries, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season etc. However, NFSNM is not involved in procurement of agri-commodities like paddy/rice.

(b) and (c): State Government agencies and Food Corporation of India (FCI) purchase paddy at Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Central Pool. The MSP is announced by Government of India only for Common and Grade-A varieties of paddy. The procurement of paddy at MSP is to ensure that the farmers get remunerative prices for their produce and do not have to resort to distress sale. However, if producer/farmer gets better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market.
