

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4041  
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2000  
PROCUREMENT CENTRES  
DUKHA BHAGAT

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

(a) whether the farmers have to sell their foodgrains at cheaper price owing to insufficient number of procurement centres near the production areas or Mandis; and

(b) if so, the number of such centres are proposed to be set up near the production areas or Mandis, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI CHAUHAN )

(a) No, Sir. Sufficient number of purchase centres are opened by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in consultation with the State Governments before commencement of each marketing season, to avoid distress sale and inconvenience to the farmers.

(b) Statements showing State-wise number of procurement centres opened during the Rabi Marketing Season 2000-2001 and Kharif Marketing Season, 1999-2000, are at Annexures `A` and `B`, respectively.

**ANNEXURE `A`**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4041 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 18.8.2000.

**LIST OF PURCHASE CENTRES BEING OPERATED DURING 2000-2001(RABI)**

STATE    FCI    JOINTLY WITH STATE AGENCIES    STATE AGENCIES    TOTAL

PUNJAB	446	49	1059	1554
RAJASTHAN	22	-	118	140
HARYANA	40	90 <sup>@</sup>	227	357
BIHAR	26	-	-	26
MADHYA PRADESH	22	-	1086	1108
UTTAR PRADESH	44	-	4881	4925

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@ : Out of 90, 35 jointly operated with FCI.

**ANNEXURE `B`**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4041 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 18.8.2000.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PURCHASE CENTRES/MANDIS OPERATED KHARIF 1999-2000.

PADDY/COARSEGRAIN 1999-2000

REGION FCI JOINTLY S.AGEN. TOTAL

PUNJAB	476	61	895	1452	
HARYANA	25	1	218	244	
UTTAR PD.	27	-	698	725	
DELHI	4	-	-	4	
RAJASTHAN	12	-	-	12	
ANDHRA PD.	172	-	-	172	
MADHYA PD.	55	-	-	55	
W.BENGAL	ALL FCI & STATE				
	BY STATE GOVT. DEPTTS. DESIGNATED				

KARNATAKA	18	-	82	100	
PONDICHERRY	2	-	2	4	
A. PRADESH	-	-	-	-	
BIHAR	11	-	142	153	
ORISSA	42	-	-	42	
H.P.	-	-	-	-	
MAHARASHTRA	-	-	255	255	
TOTAL	844	62	2292	3198	