

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1018
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PROCUREMENT CENTRES FOR PURCHASING FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether procurement centres for purchasing foodgrains on the support price announced by the Union Government are not actually opened in that numbers;
- (b) if so, the number of procurement centers actually opened all over the country during the last three years; and
- (c) the number of cases where cheques issued to farmers were dishonoured during the last one year at procurement centers and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of procurement centers opened all over the country during the last three years is given below:

Year Rabi Season Kharif Season

1997-98	7615	4803
1998-99	7980	5432
1999-2000	8276	5937
2000-2001	8110	

(c) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.