

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1124
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2000
PROCUREMENT PRICE OF FCI
ALE NARENDRA

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

- (a) the procurement price of different varieties of wheat and rice fixed by Food Corporation of India during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;
- (b) the yearly per tonne subsidy on wheat, rice and sugar provided to Food Corporation of India during the above period;
- (c) the per quintal handling charges paid to Food Corporation of India on wheat, rice and sugar during the same period; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the increasing expenditure?

Answer

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

(a): Procurement price of wheat and rice as fixed by Government of India during the last three years for different States is shown in the Annexures I, II & III.

(b): Per tonne subsidy given to Food Corporation of India on wheat, rice and sugar during the last three years was as under:-

(Rs.per tonne)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Sugar
1997-98	2353.00	2341.40	1895.70
1998-99	3638.50	3142.40	1473.80
1999-2000	3506.80	3790.90	1639.30

The rate is provisional pending final audited accounts of Food Corporation of India.

(c): Per quintal handling charges incurred by Food Corporation of India in the distribution of wheat, rice and sugar during the last three years were as follows:-

(Rs.per qtl.)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Sugar
1997-98	118.42	140.72	200.31
1998-99	151.13	161.84	199.28
1999-2000	137.73	170.88	201.28

(d): Steps taken by FCI to reduce/contain the increasing expenditure/ handling cost of foodgrains include the following :-

(i) Achieving average capacity utilization of 75% to reduce storage cost even though the procurement of grains is seasonal.

(ii) Adhering to the procurement and movement ratio norms of 1:1.35 as fixed by the Government of India to reduce the expenditure on freight.

(iii) Making continuous efforts to reduce shortages in handling of foodgrains.

(iv) Making efforts to reduce the incurrence of railway demurrage charges.

(v) Issuing of old stocks, disposing of C & D category of stocks and introducing direct supervision on movement of foodgrains to control the incidence of transit and storage shortages.

(vi) Machine stitching of gunnies and handling of food grains in 50 Kg. bags to reduce the storage and transit loss.

(vii) Ensuring strict quality control measure during procurement storage.

(viii) Efforts to reduce damages.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1124 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24-11-2000. PROCUREMENT PRICES FOR LEVY RICE (RAW & PARBOILED) DURING 1997-98, 1999-2000 & 2000-01 K.M.S

REGION 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

COMMON GRADE`A` COMMON GRADE`A` COMMON GRADE`A`
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PUNJAB	736.60	740.20	786.00	788.80	788.40	791.20	838.00	840.10	870.90	872.50	920.40	921.30	
HARYANA	729.40	753.10	778.20	781.20	780.70	783.60	829.80	831.90	864.20	865.90	913.30	914.20	
U.P	707.20	711.20	754.50	757.80	757.20	760.40	804.60	807.20	838.00	840.10	885.50	886.80	
RAJASTH.	720.20	724.00	768.40	771.50	767.70	770.80	815.90	818.20	849.70	851.60	897.90	899.10	
DELHI	729.40	733.10	778.20	781.20	780.70	783.60	829.80	831.90	864.20	865.90	913.30	914.20	
C.GARH	716.50	720.40	764.40	767.60	763.70	766.90	811.60	814.10	845.30	847.30	893.20	894.50	
A.P	735.10	738.70	784.40	787.20	783.40	786.30	832.70	834.80	867.30	868.90	916.50	917.40	
KARNAT	679.40	679.40	683.80	724.60	728.80	724.30	728.10	769.60	772.60	801.40	804.00	846.70	848.60
M.P	679.40	683.80	724.60	728.80	724.30	728.10	769.60	772.60	802.90	805.50	848.20	850.10	
MAHARA.	680.50	684.90	725.70	729.40	725.50	729.20	770.60	773.70	802.50	805.10	847.70	849.60	
W.Bengal	676.30	680.70	721.30	725.00	721.00	724.80	766.00	769.20	797.80	800.40	842.80	844.80	
P.CHERRY	673.20	677.70	717.90	721.80	717.80	721.60	762.50	765.70	794.10	796.80	838.90	841.00	
ORISSA	710.30	714.30	757.80	761.60	757.20	760.40	804.60	807.20	838.00	810.10	885.50	886.80	
ASSAM	691.80	696.00	737.90	741.40	737.50	741.00	783.60	786.40	816.10	818.50	862.50	863.90	
BIHAR	704.20	708.20	751.20	754.50	-	-	830.70	832.90	877.70	879.20			
GUJARAT	-	-	721.00	724.50	766.00	769.20	792.80	800.40	842.80	844.60			

- Not fixed

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1124 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24-11-2000.

PROCUREMENT PRICE OF CUSTOM MILLED RICE (CMR) (RAW & PARBOILED) DURING 1997-98 TO 1999-2000.

REGION VARIETY 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

RAW PAR BOILED RAW PAR BOILED RAW PAR BOILED												
PUNJAB GRADE-A	797.21	785.82	860.39	914.99	873.64	869.27						
COMMON	850.95	837.81	848.59	901.41	925.09	919.53						
HARYANA COMMON	773.12	762.24	776.01	773.04	862.32	858.12						
GRADE-A	825.46	812.85	826.75	822.53	913.04	907.66						
UTTAR PRADESH COMMON	729.46	726.47	764.91	762.21	823.33	811.3						
GRADE-A	778.91	774.72	814.93	810.98	871.95	859.2						
MADHYA PRADESH COMMON	693.39	691.57	732.88	730.96	840.19	836.22						

(ALL PROV.)GRADE-A 740.16 737.22 780.57 777.49 890.15 882.77
ORISSA COMMON 713.66 711.81 748.78 746.44 - -

(ALL PROV.)GRADE-A 762.73 759.35 797.85 794.32 - -

Note:- Above rates are without gunny depreciation, cost of gunny & double line machine stitching charges.

Note: During 1998-99 incidentals rates only for Punjab are final.

- Not fixed

ANNEXURE - III

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1124 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24-11-2000.

PROCUREMENT PRICES OF WHEAT W.E.F. 1990-91 TO 2000-2001

MARKETING YEAR RATE PER QTL.

1990-91	Rs.215/- per quintal
1991-92	Rs.225/- per quintal
1992-93	Rs.250/- per quintal + Rs.25/- as Bonus from April to June,1992
1993-94	Rs.305/- per quintal + Rs.25/- as Bonus from April to June 1993
1994-95	Rs.350/- per quintal
1995-96	Rs.360/- per quintal
1996-97	Rs.380/- per quintal
1997-98	Rs.415/- per quintal + Rs.60/- as Bonus from April to June 1997
1998-99	Rs.455/- per quintal + Rs.55/- as Bonus upto 30.06.98
1999-2000	Rs.550/- per quintal
2000-2001	Rs.580/- per quintal