

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4427
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2000
COMPENSATION TO FARMERS OF DISTRESS CELL
PRASANNA ACHARYA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of large scale Distress Cell of paddy and wheat in the different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the steps the Government are taking or contemplating to take to check Distress Cell;
- (c) whether the Government propose to provide compensation to farmers of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh from where the Distress Cell is reported; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(d): Yes Sir. Complaints regarding distress sale of rice during the Kharif Marketing Season 2000-01 were received from Bihar, Haryana, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh & Delhi and in respect of wheat, during the Rabi Marketing Season 2000-01, from Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal. These reports were immediately sent to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) as well as the concerned State Governments for urgent remedial action to prevent their recurrence. Further, the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh to increase in admixture of lower class in rice from 10 per cent to 13 per cent of MTU 7029 has been allowed by the Government.