

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:42
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2001
PROCUREMENT OF RICE BY FCI
BODAKUNTI VENKATESHWARLU; RAM PRASAD SINGH

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that FCI has procured less paddy from the farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and other States during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the State Government have requested that the level of procurement may be raised;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken thereon;
- (e) whether the Governments have provided an economic package to the rice producing States for increasing the production of rice;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (g) whether the Union Government have received any complaint about collusion between officials of FCI and the local rice millers in cheating the farmers by under pricing of their production; and
- (h) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g) & (h) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g) & (h) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 42 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 23.02.2001.

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) : The Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Bihar have requested the Government of India to procure more paddy in their respective States. The FCI has opened 163 centres in Andhra Pradesh and 40 centres in Bihar for procurement of paddy during the Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001.

(e) & (f) : The Government of India is implementing the Integrated Cereals Development Programme - Rice ICDP (Rice), in the States largely following rice based cropping systems. The States in which this scheme is being implemented are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Kerala, Eastern MP, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, TamiNadu, Tripura, Eastern UP, West Bengal and Union Territory of Pondicherry.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.