

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1932
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PROCUREMENT OF MILLET IN RAJASTHAN .
KAILASH MEGHWAL

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

- (a) the total quantum of millet procured in Rajasthan during the last year;
- (b) whether the State Government of Rajasthan could not procure the required millet despite availability of funds by the Union Government in time;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): A quantity of 33982 MTs of Bajra and 2181 MTs of Maize has been procured under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2001-02.

(b),(c) & (d): During Kharif Season 2001, as reported by Government of Rajasthan, due to drought conditions for the second year, the production of Bajra was low. Besides, the stocks of Bajra were below the uniform specifications prescribed for procurement. As regards Maize, the market prices were reportedly ruling above the Minimum Support Prices. On the request of the State Government, procurement of Bajra and Maize was done by the Food Corporation of India during Kharif Marketing Season 2001-2002.