

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:46
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
AUCTION OF FOODGRAINS
SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL

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

- (a) whether the Government auctioned the foodgrains stored in the godowns of F.C.I. to private bidders during the last three years; (
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) the criteria fixed for such auctions;
- (d) whether the foodgrain is also sold by fixing up some sale price; and
- (e) if so, the prices fixed for wheat and rice this year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes Sir, Food Corporation of India sells foodgrains not fit for issue under Public Distribution System (PDS) through open tender in which private bidders can also participate.

(b) The following quantity of rice (D Category more than two years old) have been liquidated during the last three years:-

S.No.	Year	Qty.sold (in Lakh M.T. (Provisional)
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1.	1996-97	4.51
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2.	1997-98	0.13
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3.	1998-99	1.32
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4.	1999-2000 (upto January, 2000	0.67
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(c) D Category rice, which is not issuable under PDS is sold through tender.

(d) & (e) FCI also sells surplus foodgrains under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) at pre-fixed prices. At present, only wheat is being sold under the Open Market Sales Schemes (Domestic) by FCI at the prices given as under:

North Zone	Rs. 688/-
South Zone	Rs. 705/-
West Zone	Rs. 697/-
East Zone	Rs. 699/-

The D Category rice which is not issuable under PDS is sold through tender.