

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6858
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2003
DECENTRALISATION OF FOODGRAINS PROCUREMENT
SUBODH MOHITE

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

- (a) whether the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology has made study of decentralisation of foodgrain procurement, storage and distribution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main recommendations of the study; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a): This Department is not aware of any such study nor has it received any such Study Report. However, the scheme of Decentralized Procurement of foodgrains was introduced by this Department in 1997-98 with a view to effecting savings in the form of reduction in the outgo of food subsidy, enhancing the efficiency of procurement and PDS and encouraging local procurement to the maximum extent thereby extending the benefits of MSP to local farmers. This scheme is in operation in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chhatisgarh, Tamil Nadu and Uttaranchal.

(b),(c)&(d): Do not arise.