

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of wheat, rice, sugarcane and kharif crop procured in Uttar Pradesh since January 2001 till date;
- (b) the number of farmers benefited by this, district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme recently to ensure payment of remunerative price to the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Wheat and rice are procured for Central Pool under price support scheme at the Minimum Support Price (M.S.P.) fixed for each marketing season. The quantities of wheat and rice procured in Uttar Pradesh since 2000-01 Marketing Season are as under:-

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Marketing Season Wheat Rice (including paddy in terms of rice)

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| 2000-2001 | 15.45 | 11.74 |
| 2001-2002 | 24.46 | 19.36 |
| 2002-2003 | 21.11 | 0.08 (As on 20.11.2002) |

The procurement of coarsegrains is done by the respective State Governments.No coarsegrains are procured in U.P. Sugarcane is not procured by the Central Government.However, there is compulsory levy sugar obligation on sugar factories according to percentage fixed by Government from time to time.

(c)&(d): With a view to effecting savings in the form of reduction in the outgo of food subsidy, enhancing the efficiency of procurement and Public Distribution System (PDS) and encouraging local procurement to the maximum extent thereby extending the benefits of MSP to local farmers, the scheme of Decentralized Procurement of foodgrains was introduced by the Government in 1997-98. The scheme is now in operation in the States of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu and Uttaranchal. The Union Government has been encouraging States to adopt the scheme of decentralized procurement of foodgrains.