

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3906
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2003
RICE PROCUREMENT
BISHNU PADA RAY

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

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has proposed to procure 12000 metric tonnes of rice produced locally by the farmers of Andaman & Nicobar Islands under minimum support price; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely date by which the A&N Administration will start its procurement from the farmers under MSP?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The A&N Administration proposes to take up the procurement of rice under Decentralized Procurement Scheme from the ensuing Kharif Marketing Season 2003-2004 under which financial support would be provided by the Central Government.