

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:918  
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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of procurement of paddy, rice and other foodgrains made by the Government in Orissa during each of the last three years, till May, 2000;
- (b) the number of procurement centers opened, expanded and expenditure incurred thereon during the said period;
- (c) the extent of surplus foodgrains which could not be procured in the State at present and the main reasons therefore; and
- (d) the schemes/strategy chalked out by the Government for procurement of foodgrains in the State in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN )

- (a) The details of foodgrains procured in Orissa for the last years are as under:

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Levy rice	Paddy	Total in terms of rice
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1997-98	6.84	0.25	7.01
1998-99	4.81	-	4.81
1999-2000 (upto May, 2000)	5.90	-	5.90

No other foodgrains have been procured by the Government in Orissa.

- (b) 57 centres were opened for procurement of levy rice. No extra expenditure was incurred since existing premises were utilized for procurement.

(c) Whatever quantity of foodgrains of prescribed specifications is offered for procurement, has been accepted. Procurement is still continuing. Till 24th July, 2000, a quantity of 720 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured, exceeding all previous records of procurement in the State.

(d) At present, FCI is procuring rice in Orissa under the levy scheme introduced by the Government of Orissa. The State Government of Orissa has been requested for participating in levy operations along with FCI and also to construct additional depots so that higher quantity of procurement could be achieved.