

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5106  
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RICE PROCUREMENT PROCESS  
AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to streamline rice procurement process by extending levy route mechanism in a bid to cut costs and improve the quality of rice;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) & (c): Rice procurement is through the levy route in several States including Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, M.P., Punjab and Haryana. There is also procurement of paddy in some States. The State Governments and the FCI are continuously taking necessary measures to streamline the procurement process with a view to cutting cost and improving the quality of the rice procured.