

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2237
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Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for improving the functioning of Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent any proposal to the Union Government regarding procurement of foodgrains by FCI;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): The State Government of Maharashtra has requested for enhancing the storage capacity of FCI in the districts of Dondaicha, Dhula, Jalgaon, Jalana, Parbahani, Latur, Khamgaon, Parall and Nanded and for opening of additional depot/FCI Base depots in each district to minimize the transport cost.

(c), (d) & (e): The Government of Maharashtra have sent a proposal for early commencement of procurement, both for Kharif and Rabi seasons, from 1st September and 1st March respectively. This request has been agreed to.