

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1211

ANSWERED ON:01.08.2005

PROCUREMENT OF CROPS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has ordered the procuring agencies to procure crops from the cultivators;
- (b) if so, when the order was issued and since when the procurement has started and at what price; and
- (c) the names of procurement agencies and the quantity procured during the last three years and the current year?

**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 designated central nodal agencies are required to intervene in the market for undertaking price support operations by way of procurement in case the prices fall below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) level fixed by the Government.

(c) Procurement operations for agricultural produce are carried out by public and cooperative agencies such as Food Corporation of India, Jute Corporation of India, Cotton Corporation of India, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and Tobacco Board, besides other agencies designated by the State Governments for procurement of commodities for which Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been announced. A statement indicating the agency wise procurement during the last three years is annexed (Annexure I).

Annexure I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1211 BY SHRI JIVABHAI AMBALAL PATEL AND SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA REGARDING PROCUREMENT OF CROPS DUE FOR ANSWER ON 01.08.2005.

**Agency-wise Procurement of Wheat**

(in`000 tonnes)

Year	FCI	State	CSC	Co-op	Agro	SWC	UPSS	Confed	Total

**Agency-wise Procurement of Rice/Paddy**

(in`000 tonnes)

Year	FCI	State	CSC	Co-op	Agro	SWC	Confed	Total

Procurement of Coarse-Grains

(in tonnes)

Year	Jowar	Bajra	Maize	Ragi	Total
2001-02	31168	96263	109716	77598	314745
2002-03	53394	4 6406	9 59813		
2003-04	48117	245872	356764	0	650753
2004-05	11928	135191	631081	48723	826923

#### Procurement by NAFED

(Qty. Mts)

Commodity	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Urad	152388	529		
Moong	2488			
Gram	282540	107797		
Masur	5454			
Mustard Seed	467629.521	38989	1716454	
Sunflower Seed	28.867	2346		
Safflower	2020.259	8414	23081	
Copra	7468.326	787.105	378	
Groundnut	418			
Sesamum	95			

#### Procurement of Jute (by Jute Corporation of India)

(Qty. in Quintals)

Year Procurement	Qty. in Quintals
2002-03	237621320
2003-04	347674760
2004-05	633746

#### Procurement of Cotton

(by Cotton Corporation of India) (Qty. in bales)

Year Procurement	Qty. in bales
2001-02	966808
2002-03	599491
2003-04	901330
2004-05	2795410