

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:171
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NEW FOODGRAIN PROCUREMENT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a new system for foodgrain procurement to ensure rationalization of food subsidies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to provide support to small and marginal farmers and to create buffer stocks with the foodgrains so procured to maintain price stability; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Under the existing Minimum Support Price Policy farmers, including small and marginal farmers, are already assured of a remunerative price for their produce.