

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalised any proposal to procure millet/ coarse grains directly from the farmers in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has directed the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to start procurement of coarse grains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and progress made therein; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make the FCI's procurement policy more transparent?

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) & (c): As per the existing policy procurement of coarsegrains under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation is undertaken by the State Governments and their Agencies on behalf of Government of India. Food Corporation of India (FCI) is not directly undertaking procurement of coarsegrains.
- (d) & (e): Do not arise.