

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

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CHANGE IN PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION POLICY

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to change the current procurement/distribution policy to control food subsidy;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to fix limit for the procurement of foodgrains from the farmers under the scheme of decentralisation of procurement;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for ensuring the safety of the excess grains left with the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): No, Sir.