

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:279
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2010
PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total procurement of foodgrains during the current year alongwith the increase/decrease over the previous year, grain-wise, State-wise and agency-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has engaged agencies apart from the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for procurement of foodgrains for the Central pool;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the target fixed for procurement of foodgrains by the said agencies was achieved during the current year;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, indicating the targets fixed and achieved and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise and agency-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken for opening additional procurement centres during the ensuing season?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.279 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.03.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): State-wise, agency-wise statement showing procurement of wheat and paddy/rice in 2008-09 and 2009-10 are at Annexure I, II, III and IV respectively.

(b) & (c): Procurement is undertaken by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Governments for the Central Pool. State Governments can engage Government Agencies and Cooperatives for procurement of rice and wheat for Central Pool.

(d) and (e) : Procurement of paddy/rice and wheat under Minimum Support Price (MSP) is open-ended. Any quantity brought by farmers to procurement centres conforming to specifications is procured at MSP. Targets of procurement are not fixed by the Government.

(f): State Governments have been requested to make necessary arrangements to ensure opening and effective functioning of adequate number of procurement centres so that farmers can get the benefit of MSP.