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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3083 ANSWERED ON:16.03.2010 PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS Singh Kunwar Rewati Raman;Singh Shri Jagada Nand

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

(a) whether foodgrains are procured in different States for the Public Distribution System and for other welfare schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of foodgrains procured during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether food subsidy is given to make up the difference between procurement price and sale price to the consumers;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(e) the efforts being made to bring down the food subsidy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, madam. Statement showing the procurement of wheat and rice during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(c) and (d): Yes, madam. The details of food subsidy released to FCI and State Government during the last three years are as under: (Rs. in crore)

Year Subsidy Released FCI States Total

2006-07 20786 3042 23828

2007-08 27760 3500 31260

2008-09 36744 6924 43668

2009-10 (till 10.3.2010) 45020 9679 54699

(e): The steps taken by the Government to contain food subsidy are at Annexure-III.