

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

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

- (a) whether the procurement of rice for Central pool during 2009-10 has been lower as compared to the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has obtained the views of various stake holders to prepare a vision for future in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): 258.89 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured as on 15.4.2010 in the current Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2009-10 against 267 lakh tonnes of rice procured in the corresponding period in the previous KMS. Lower level of production in Kharif Crop 2009-10 due to delayed and deficient rainfall is attributable to less procurement of rice in the current KMS.

(c) and (d): Rice and wheat situations are reviewed by the Government involving State Governments and various other stake holders. All appropriate steps are taken by the Government in the overall interest of food security.