

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India is the main organisation involved in procurement of foodgrains produced in the country especially wheat and rice;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any targets have been fixed by the Government for the procurement of foodgrains during the ensuing rabi season;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made therein;
- (e) the average annual procurement of foodgrains by FCI during the last decade; and
- (f) the total quantum of foodgrains brought to mandis and the quantum procured by FCI during each of the last three years indicating the percentage of such procurement to the total production in the country?

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): Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the agencies of State Governments are the main organizations involved in the procurement of wheat and rice.

(c)&(d): No targets are fixed, since the procurement of wheat under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme is open ended, However, before the start of every Rabi Marketing Season (RMS), estimates for wheat procurement are drawn in the meeting of State Food Secretaries. Procurement of 262.67 lakh tonnes of wheat has been estimated in the current RMS 2010-11. 161.25 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured in RMS 2010-11 as on 22.4.2010.

(e): The average annual procurement by the FCI and agencies of the State Governments in the Central Pool during the last 10 Marketing Seasons is 171.85 lakh tonnes of wheat and 240.51 lakh tonnes of rice.

(f): A statement showing the production, arrival, procurement and procurement as percentage of the total production during last three marketing years is at Annexure.