

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:512
ANSWERED ON:07.07.2009
IRREGULARITIES IN PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of procurement centres opened by the Government for the procurement of foodgrains including wheat, paddy and rice in various States particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the agencies involved in the procurement process;
- (b) the quantum of foodgrains procured alongwith the frequency of procurement during the said period;
- (c) whether complaints have been received regarding irregularities committed in the procurement process like nonpayment of Minimum Support Price (MSP) and opening of lesser number of procurement centres during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the number and nature of complaints received and the remedial action taken in this regard; and
- (e) the action taken against the officials including those from the Food Corporation of India held responsible for the said irregularities?

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): The number of procurement centres opened by the FCI and agencies of State Governments for the procurement of wheat and paddy/rice in various States including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during each of the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

(b): The quantity of wheat and rice procured by FCI and State Agencies for the Central Pool in the last three years and current year is as follows:

(In lakh tonnes)

Marketing Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09#	2009-10#
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Wheat (April-March)	92.26	111.28	226.89	246.80
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Rice (Oct-Sept.)	251.07	284.93	307.82	Yet to commence
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#As on 30.6.09

(c): No complaints regarding irregularities committed in the procurement process like non- payment of Minimum Support Price (MSP) and opening of lower number of procurement centres during the last three years have been received.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.