

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2240

ANSWERED ON:23.11.2010

PROCUREMENT OF PADDY

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

(a) the norms fixed for procurement of paddy;

(b) whether the Food Corporation of India has reportedly stopped procurement of PUSA-44 variety due to nonconformation to the said norms;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the problems faced in procurement of the said paddy;

(d) whether the Government has received requests from some States including Punjab for relaxation in procurement norms to check distress sale by farmers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**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): An extract of relevant Uniform specifications/quality norms approved for procurement of paddy for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2010-11 is annexed.

(b) and (c): Procurement of paddy is not done on varietal basis, paddy of various varieties conforming to applicable quality norms is purchased by FCI.

(d), (e) and (f): Requests have been received for relaxations in quality specifications of paddy from State Governments of Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Based on analysis results of samples drawn by joint teams of this Department, FCI and State Governments, relaxations in paddy have been allowed in respect of Punjab and Tamil Nadu. The joint team has visited the affected districts in Andhra Pradesh, but paddy is yet to be harvested.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) of UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2240 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 23.11.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA.

EXTRACT OF UNIFORM SPECIFICATION OF ALL VARIETIES OF PADDY  
(KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2010-2011)

Paddy shall be in sound merchantable condition, dry, clean, wholesome of good food value, uniform in colour and size of grains and free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, Argemone mexicana, Lathyrus sativus (Khesari) and admixture of deleterious substances.

Paddy will be classified into Grade 'A' and Common groups.

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATIONS**

S. No	Refractions	Maximum Limit allowed (% by weight)
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1.	Foreign matter	
	a) Inorganic	1.0
	b) Organic	1.0

2.	Damaged, discoloured, sprouted and	4.0
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weevilled grains

3. Immature, Shrunken and shrivelled grains 3.0

4. Admixture of lower class 7.0

5. Moisture content 17.0