

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2294

ANSWERED ON:23.11.2010

PROCUREMENT OF BAJRA

Nagorao Shri Dudhgaonkar Ganeshrao; Sukur Shri Jadhav Baliram

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

- (a) whether requests/recommendations have been received from various quarters for including 'Bajra' under the Minimum Support Price scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the follow up action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether there is a shortage of space for safe storage of the Bajra; and
- (e) if so, the remedial steps taken 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), (b) & (c): No, Madam. Coarse grains, including bajra, are already included under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme. Coarse grains are procured by State Governments, wherever necessary, to ensure payment of the declared Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the farmers.

(d): No State Government has reported any shortage of storage space for this purpose.

(e): Does not arise.