

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3314
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PROCUREMENT CENTRES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open procurement centres in each block of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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): There is no proposal to open procurement centres in each block of the country.
- (b): In view of (a), the question doesn't arise.
- (c): In order to ensure the outreach of MSP operations, State Government opens sufficient number of procurement centres for each Marketing Season in consultation with FCI & State Agencies, keeping in view the procurement potential and geographical spread of the area. The opening of procurement centres in blocks of the states depends upon the potential for procurement.