

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

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PADDY PROCUREMENT

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

- (a) whether the procurement of paddy has been very low in certain States/ areas like Krishna-Godavari region and Bihar during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether the farmers in such areas are being paid the price which is lower than the other States and the Minimum Support Price fixed by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to allow export of paddy in such areas to ensure remunerative price to farmers;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken to increase procurement of paddy?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The procurement of paddy has increased in the current Kharif Marketing Season(KMS) 2010-11 as compared to that of last season. The details are as under:

Krishna-Godavari Region:

As on date, the Food Corporation of India (FCI), the State Agencies and Rice Millers have procured a quantity of 176.91 Lakh tonnes of paddy during KMS 2010-11 as compared to 137.60 Lakh tonnes of paddy procured during KMS 2009-10 in the corresponding period.

Bihar:

As on date, a quantity of 11.19 Lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured during KMS 2010-11 as compared to 10.68 Lakh tonnes of paddy procured during KMS 2009-10.

- (c): No such reports have been received by the Government with regard to such areas.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e) & (f): There is no proposal to allow export of paddy.
- (g): Steps taken to increase the procurement of paddy are as under:
  - (i) Strengthening procurement machinery in those States where procurement is lower than the national average.
  - (ii) Encouraging States to adopt Decentralized Procurement System.
  - (iii) Increasing Minimum Support Price (MSP) payable to farmers in the last few years.
  - (iv) Wide publicity through Print and Electronic media regarding paddy procurement by FCI and State agencies directly from farmers.