

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2422
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PRIVATISATION OF PROCUREMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to involve private sector alongwith the State agency, Food Corporation of India, for undertaking procurement of foodgrain from farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the objective thereof and the response received so far from each State including Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): No Madam. There is no proposal before the Government to involve private sector in procurement being made by FCI and State Agencies for the Central Pool.