

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

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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS .SHRI M.B. RAJESH

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

- (a) whether there has been a decline in procurement of foodgrains including paddy and rice during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of foodgrains procured during the said period, State-wise, year-wise and grain-wise;
- (c) whether the foodgrains were imported/exported during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum and price of such foodgrains, year-wise and grain-wise?

Answer

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

(a): There has been no decline in procurement during the current crop year as compared to previous year. The procurement of wheat and rice during last three years and current year is as under:

Marketing Season (Rabi/Kharif)
Wheat Rice

2008-09 226.89 341.02

2009-10 253.82 320.34

2010-11 225.13 332.58

2011-12 281.43 --

position as on 01.09.2011

(b): Statements showing the State-wise details of wheat and rice procured during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(c) & (d): There is a ban on export of wheat and non-basmati rice from Central Pool w.e.f. 9.2.2007 and 1.4.2008 respectively. However, based on the requests from various forums, Government of India has allowed export of 1.5 lakh tonnes of certain premium varieties of non-basmati rice such as 'Sona Masuri' 'Ponni Samba' and 'Matta' and export of another 10 lakh tonnes of non-basmati rice on private account with MEP of US\$ 400 per M.T.

There has been no import of rice and wheat for Central Pool during the last three years and the current year.

