

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures during the rabi marketing season 2010-11 to increase procurement of wheat in various major wheat producing States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which procurement of wheat has increased in each of the said major wheat producing States during the said period as compared to the previous year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has also allowed NAFED and other Government agencies to purchase wheat for the Central pool;
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the quantity of wheat procured by such agencies in the current season, so far?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government has taken following steps to increase procurement during Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2010-11:

(i) Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs.1100/- per quintal was fixed for wheat to be procured in RMS 2010-11.

(ii) Sufficient number of procurement centre were opened for procurement of wheat.

(iii) Commission charges at the rate of 2.5% have been allowed to cooperative societies and self help groups to increase the reach of MSP operations to small and marginal farmers.

(c): State-wise details of wheat procured during RMS 2010-11 and RMS 2009-10 are at Annexure-I.

(d): Yes, Madam. Other Government agencies have been allowed to purchase wheat for Central Pool.

(e) & (f): State-wise details of procurement made by Government agencies during Rabi Marketing Season 2011-12 is at Annexure-II.