

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

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

- (a) the quantum of foodgrains brought to procurement centres and the quantum procured during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and grainwise;
- (b) whether the cost of foodgrains procurement in the country is high; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): The details of quantity of arrivals of wheat and paddy and its procurement during the last three years and the current year, state-wise is given at Annexure –I and II respectively.

(b) & (c): The cost of acquisition of wheat and paddy depends on the taxes imposed by States and incidental charges on Minimum Support Price (MSP). MSP of wheat and paddy during the last three years and current year is as under:-

(Rs. Per quintal)

Marketing Year 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

Wheat 1000 1080 1100 1170#

Paddy

Common 900 1000 1000 1080

Grade 'A' 930 1030 1030 1110

#Includes bonus of Rs.50/- per quintal

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