

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1338

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PROCUREMENT BY FCI

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for speeding up the procurement of foodgrains at procurement centres of the Food Corporation of India (FCI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the service delivery by FCI;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether procurement centres have been set up in several States under this scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Before the start of every marketing season, Department of Food and Public Distribution convenes a meeting of State food secretaries, Food Corporation of India and other stake holders to prepare a detailed action plan for making the arrangements of procurement in the coming marketing season. Details of number of procurement centers to be opened and arrangements like purchase of packaging material, storage space are discussed En the meeting. The meeting is conducted to ensure smooth conduct of MSP operation in the states.

(c): No, Madam,

(d): Does not arise

(e)&(f): The Details of procurement centres opened by FCI/State agencies for the last 3 years for procurement of paddy and wheat are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.