

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1077  
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PROCUREMENT OF BODO PADDY  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal for purchasing the 'Bodo Paddy' through a Government agency like Food Corporation of India in the country, particularly in North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the additional infrastructure proposed to be created to procure and store the same in rural areas during the monsoon season?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per existing procurement policy, Government extends price support for paddy, wheat and coarse grains through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Governments /State agencies. All the foodgrains conforming to uniform specifications offered for sale by farmers at specified procurement centres are bought by the procurement agencies at Minimum Support Price (MSP). The farmers have the option to sell their produce to FC/State agencies at MSP or the open market whatever is advantageous to them. There is no specific separate proposal for purchase of Bodo paddy under price support operations.

(b): In view of (a) above, does not arise.