

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6372
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PROCUREMENT CENTRES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of foodgrain procurement centres of the Food Corporation of India have been closed in various States including Bihar due to which farmers are not getting the proper price for their foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reopen the closed foodgrain procurement centres for the benefit of farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which they are likely to be reopened?

Answer

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

- (a)& (b): No Madam. Food Corporation of India (FCI) has not closed any procurement centre in any state including Bihar during the current procurement season.
- (c) & (d): In view of (a) and (b) above does not arise.