

**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 and price of foodgrains including wheat and rice procured during the current year;
- (b) whether the foodgrains were imported at prices higher than that paid for domestic procurement;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether any irregularities have been reported in the procurement process during the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken including action against the officials held responsible in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of wheat and paddy and the quantities of wheat and rice procured during the current marketing seasons (Kharif & Rabi Marketing Seasons 2012-13) are as under.

MSP	Procurement
(per qtl.)	(in lakh tons)

Common Grade`A`

Paddy 1250 1280 125.70#

Wheat 1285 381.4

# In terms of rice, as on 06.12.2012.

(b) & (c): No import of wheat and non-basmati rice for the Central Pool has taken place during the last three years.

(d) & (e): Complaints are received from time to time from various quarters regarding alleged irregularities in foodgrains procurement. On receipt of such complaints, these are forwarded to respective State Governments and Food Corporation of India for appropriate action and corrective action is taken wherever required. The specific details of complaints during the current year and action taken thereon will be available only at the end of the season.