

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4111  
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PROCUREMENT SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the farmers in various regions/States are forced to resort to distress sale of their produce due to the lack of awareness about the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the procurement system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken to create awareness about MSP and the procurement system amongst the farmers?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No report of distress sale of wheat and rice due to lack of awareness about the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the procurement system has been received.

(c): Minimum Support Price (MSP) is announced well ahead of the start of the crop year. To spread awareness, MSP operations are given wide publicity through pamphlets, banners, sign boards and advertisements and also through print & electronic media.