

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:354

ANSWERED ON:26.02.2013

SHORTFALL IN PROCUREMENT OF PADDY

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

- (a) whether the procurement of paddy by the Food Corporation of India has fallen short of the estimates despite announcement of bonus for it during the current season;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of the paddy procured till date vis-a-vis the preceding year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of bonus to expedite the procurement of paddy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. The total quantity of paddy procured by Government Agencies including Food Corporation of India (FCI) upto 22.02.2013 during KMS 2012-13 has been 331.55 lakh tons. against the quantity of 301.08 lakh tons procured during corresponding period of KMS 2011-12.
- (b) The State-wise details of paddy procured during KMS 2012-13 vis-à-vis KMS 2011-12 is at Annexure I.
- (c) & (d) No, Madam.