

**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 details of the targets fixed and achieved for production and procurement of foodgrains including coarse grains during each of the last three years and the current year along with the names of the agencies involved in their procurement and the number of farmers benefited therefrom, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has extended assistance to the States for undertaking procurement during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the contribution of each State to the Central pool of foodgrains;
- (d) the manner of utilisation of the said commodities along with the percentage utilisation for the public distribution system; and
- (e) the details of the foodgrains imported during the said period along with their procurement and import prices?

Answer

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

(a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) & (c) Government / Food Corporation of India (FCI) has extended all possible assistance to the States for undertaking procurement. The details are as under:-

1. Operating its own purchase centres for the purchase of paddy/wheat in consultation with the State Governments.
2. Accepting Custom Milled Rice (CMR) from the State Agencies and making timely payment.
3. Proper liaison with State Government/ agencies is maintained at District /Regional level and all bottlenecks, if any, are sorted out by rendering necessary assistance.
4. In Decentralized States, the State Governments are primarily responsible for procurement of foodgrains. But under specific request from State Government, FCI supplement the procurement operations apart from providing technical expertise wherever required.
5. Information regarding the contribution of each State to the Central Pool of foodgrains is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) There has been no import of foodgrains during this period.