

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

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

- (a) whether procurement of foodgrains had to be halted very often during the procurement season due to lack of adequate supply of stocking material such as sacks at procurement centres of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in the country, particularly in backward and tribal areas of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to make adequate arrangements for such supplies at the procurement centres of FCI; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam.

(c) & (d) For wheat procurement during the current Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2013-14, 80,344 bales of jute bags and 78,925 bales of HDPE/PP bags have been supplied by DGS&D to Food Corporation of India(FCI) for procurement of wheat in various States of the Country.