

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:794  
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2009  
LOW PROCUREMENT OF PADDY  
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

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

- (a) whether procurement of paddy by the Food Corporation of India has been lower than estimated despite announcement of bonus for the same during the current season;
- (b) if so, the details of paddy procurement made by the Government till date in comparison to the previous year alongwith the reasons for lower procurement;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of bonus to stimulate the procurement of paddy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a)&(b): No, Madam. Under current Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2009-10, 165.97 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured by Food Corporation of India and State agencies as on 18.11.2009 as against 147.67 lakh tonnes of paddy procured in the corresponding period in KMS 2008-09.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.