

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6570
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CLOSURE OF PROCUREMENT CENTRES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports/complaints pointing to the fact that a number of procurement centres in various states were closed down during the procurement season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of centres closed down during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding its impact on the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d): Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.