

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1871

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PADDY PROCUREMENT

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

(a) whether the Government agencies have failed to meet the targets fixed for procurement of foodgrains due to the lack of interest shown by farmers in selling their produce to the Government agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the targets fixed and achieved for procurement of foodgrains during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details regarding the quantum of foodgrains procured by the private agencies along with the price paid by the private and Government agencies for procurement during the said period?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government does not fix any targets for procurement of foodgrains, rather, State Government make an estimation of the procurement likely to take place in a given marketing season and then All India Estimates of procurement are finalized by the Central Government in a meeting of the State Food Secretaries before the onset of each Marketing Season. Actual procurement of foodgrains varies from these estimates depending on the crop situation and prevailing market price trends. During the Rabi Marketing Season 2013-14 due to the balance pricing policy adopted by the Government for the open market sales of wheat in domestic market and other factors, the price of wheat in the markets during harvest season was good, which resulted in a lower procurement compared to the estimated quantity of procurement. All India initial estimates of procurement and actual procurement during last three years and current year are as under :-

(in lakh MT)

	Wheat		Rice#	
Marketing Seasons	Estimates	Procurement	Estimates	Procurement
2010-11	262.6	224.9	327.3	341.4
2011-12	262.7	283.3	353.1	350.3
2012-13	318.0	381.5	401.8	340.32
2013-14	440.8	250.9	344.5	128.29#

#as on 13.12.2013  
#Rice includes paddy in terms of rice.

(c): As per information available with Food Corporation India (FCI), the quantum of wheat/paddy procured directly by private traders and other private institutions from the farmers, out of Mandi arrivals during the period is as under :-

(Qty. in Lakh MT)

Marketing year	Total arrivals in mandies		Qty. pur- chased		MSP	Market rates
	by private	by Govt. agencies	Rs. P/Qtl.	Rs. P/Qtl.		
1. Wheat						
2010-11	259.04	224.94	34.1	1100	1100	2300
2011-12	322.5	283.35	39.1	1120+	1170	1805
2012-13	404.5	381.5	23.0	1285	1285	1800
2013-14	293.1	250.9	42.2	1350	1350	2600
2. Paddy						

2010-11	542.9	337.2	205.7	1000-C	-	-
	1030-A	-	-			
2011-12	560.1	377.2	182.9	1080-C	-	-
	1110-A	-	-			
2012-13	601.7	388.0	213.7	1250-C	-	-
	1280-A	-	-			
2013-14	225.6	178.0	47.6	1310-C		
	1345-A					

(as on 9.12.13)

**C- Paddy common ,A-Paddy Grade 'A'**

**##** The details of private purchases directly from farmers at their door-steps by the traders/millers and other private organisations are not available with FCI.

Purchase of paddy by private traders/millers also includes the paddy against which levy rice is delivered by them to Government of India.