

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

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PROCUREMENT OF PADDY
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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 the actual procurement of paddy for the last three years and the current year from the State of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) whether the Government has adequate facilities for storage of paddy in the State and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) For Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) no separate estimates for paddy procurement were made for last three year's and current year, as paddy production in the State is not significant. The actual procurement of paddy for the last three years and current year is as follows:

(In Metric Tons)

State/UT KMS 2010-11 KMS 2011-12 KMS 2012-13 KMS 2013-14

Jammu & Kashmir 16446 12836 3612 4

As on 05.02.2014

(b) Storage Capacity of 1.75 Lakh MT (Covered- 1.65 Lakh MT and Covered And Plinth (CAP)- 0.10 Lakh MT) is available with Food Corporation of India in J&K for storage of foodgrains with only 35% utilization during the month of January 2014. In addition, covered storage capacity of 1.26 Lakh MT is available with State Agencies for storage of central pool stocks. Thus, total storage capacity of 3.01 Lakh MT is available in J&K region for storage of central pool stocks. The available storage is sufficient for storage of paddy procured in the State. In order to further augment the storage capacity in J&K region, storage capacity of 3.62 Lakh MT has been approved under Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) scheme. Out of this, a capacity of 70,000 MT has already been completed and 91,840 MT capacity is under construction.

(c) In view of (b) above does not arise.