

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

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

(a) the arrangements made for procurement of paddy and wheat by the Government in order to provide remunerative price to the farmers for their produce in the States including Uttar Pradesh indicating the number of centres proposed to be opened during the ensuing season; and

(b) the scheme undertaken by the Government to streamline the procurement system and open adequate number of procurement centres for paddy/wheat in Uttar Pradesh where they were either not set up or were insufficient and mismanaged during the last few years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a): Before the start of each Marketing Season, Government of India convenes a meeting of State Food Secretaries (including Uttar Pradesh), Food Corporation of India (FCI) officials and other stake holders to discuss various arrangements made by FCI and State Agencies to ensure payment of Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers for procurement of paddy and wheat from farmers. Details of steps taken by Government to ensure payment of Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the farmers are at Annexure-I. During Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2014-15, total 21,073 procurement centres were opened in the country for wheat procurement including 6025 centres in Uttar Pradesh. The number of procurement centres to be opened for paddy procurement during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2014-15 will be decided in the meeting with the Food Secretaries scheduled to be held on 4th August, 2014.

(b): In consultation with FCI and State Agencies sufficient number of procurement centres are opened during every marketing season to ensure purchase of paddy and wheat from farmers. Review of arrangements are made periodically and if required additional purchase centres are also opened during the procurement season.