

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

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RICE PROCUREMENT IN ASSAM
Ajmal Shri Sirajuddin

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

(a) whether the farmers of Assam are unable to get remunerative price for their produce due to the lack of adequate procurement and storage facilities in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken to create adequate infrastructure for procurement and storage of foodgrains in the State?

Answer

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

(a): No Madam. During Kharif Marketing System (KMS) 2013-14, 65 procurement centres were opened in State by Food Corporation of India (FCI) & State Government to purchase paddy from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP). However, only 296 tonnes of paddy could be purchased at these centres.

(b): Does not arise.