

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 19
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11 DECEMBER, 2018

PROCUREMENT OF COARSE GRAINS

*19. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for purchasing/procuring coarse grains, particularly jowar and bajra at the support price announced in this regard; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a)& (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE
STARRED QUESTION NO-19 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11.12.2018 IN
THE LOK SABHA

(a) & (b): Government of India (GoI) has already issued Guidelines for procurement of coarse grains by the State Government Agencies. Under these Guidelines, States are allowed to procure coarse grains, including Jowar and Bajra for Central Pool from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) subject to the prior approval by Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), Government of India. The coarse grains so procured are to be distributed under TPDS (Targeted Public Distribution System)/OWS (Other Welfare Schemes) in the State/UT within three months from the date of end of procurement period and the combined allocation of wheat and rice stands automatically reduced to the equivalent extent.

2. During the current Kharif Marketing Season, on the basis of proposals received from State Governments, Government of India has approved procurement of 5,00,000 MT Jowar and 1,67,000 MT Bajra.
