

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2771
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2021**

PURCHASE FOR BUFFER STOCK

2771. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has purchased produce from farmers at the same price during lockdown to maintain the buffer stock and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the alterations made in prices at which farm produce was bought from farmers to store in buffer at every stage of lockdown in 2020?**

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a): Wheat and paddy has been procured at Minimum Support Price (MSP) for central pool smoothly in 2020 and 2021 including lockdown period. A quantity of 389.92 LMT and 433.44 LMT of wheat was procured in RMS 2020-21 and RMS 2021-22 respectively. The quantum of paddy procured under central pool during KMS 2019-20, KMS 2020-21 was 770.93 LMT and 894.18 LMT respectively.

During lockdown, the stock of wheat and rice was sufficient to maintain buffer stock, in-fact it was surplus.

(b): No alternations made in price during lockdown period. Procurement of wheat and paddy for central pool were made at MSP announced by Government of India.
