

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3433
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2023

PROCUREMENT OF PADDY FROM PUNJAB

3433 SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

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

- (a) whether the Central Government is procuring paddy from the farmers of Punjab and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of paddy procured by the Central Government from Punjab during each of the last four years; and
- (c) the amount of Minimum Support Price (MSP) per quintal given to farmers of Punjab by the Central Government for paddy during the said period?

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

(a): Punjab has adopted Centralized Procurement (Non-DCP) system for procurement of paddy wherein procurement of paddy is carried out by State Government agencies and Food Corporation of India (FCI).

In consultation with State Government of Punjab and FCI, Government of India fixed the procurement period of paddy from 1st October 2022 to 30th November 2022 for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2022-23 for Punjab.

A quantity of 182.29 LMT paddy has been procured under Central Pool through State Government agencies & FCI during KMS 2022-23.

(b) and (c): The procurement of paddy under Central Pool and Minimum Support Price (MSP) per quintal given to farmers of Punjab during each of the last four years is as under:

KMS	Paddy procured (in LMT)	MSP (Rs. per quintal)	
		Common	Grade 'A'
2018-19	169.35	1750	1770
2019-20	162.55	1815	1835
2020-21	203.10	1868	1888
2021-22	187.56	1940	1960
