

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1638
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2024

NON-EVACUATION OF SURPLUS PAR-BOILED RICE

1638 SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:
SMT. SULATA DEO:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the issue of non-evacuation of surplus par-boiled rice by the Food Corporation of India from the State of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the reasons for this inaction;
- (c) whether Government is considering the introduction of an alternative scheme to address the issue, given that the non-evacuation is causing the deterioration and loss of par-boiled rice quality; and
- (d) if so, the details of the scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(a) and (b): The target for delivery of fortified par-boiled Custom Milled Rice (CMR) for Odisha to Food Corporation of India (FCI) during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2023-24 (Kharif + Rabi crop) is 26.50 LMT. As on 24.07.2024, 13.83 LMT fortified par-boiled Rice has been delivered to FCI by Odisha leaving balance of 12.67 LMT. The last date for delivery of due CMR pertaining to KMS 2023-24 in Central Pool for Odisha is 30.09.2024.

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FCI has been continuously evacuating surplus par-boiled rice from all the surplus States including Odisha for dispatching to deficit States to meet their requirement of foodgrains under National Food Security Act (NFSA)/Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). A quantity of 9,58,964 MT par-boiled Rice has already been dispatched from Odisha to other States. Receipt of rice in procuring States and its dispatch to consuming States is a continuous process.

(c) and (d): Government of India has allowed issue of Non-fortified parboiled rice to the cooperative agencies like Kendriya Bhandar, NAFED and NCCF under Bharat Brand which opened an additional channel for the liquidation of par-boiled rice. In Odisha, approximately 22,600 MT parboiled rice has been liquidated for Bharat Rice till 30.06.2024.
