

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.849
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2024

DELAY IN PROCUREMENT OF PADDY

849 SHRI SAKET GOKHALE:

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

- (a) whether there has been a delay in procurement of paddy by the Union Government in various States across the country in the months of October and November 2024;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the day-wise and area-wise details of the vacant space available in all godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) for storage of paddy/rice between the period of 1st November, 2024 to 13th November, 2024?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) & (b): The period of procurement of paddy for Kharif Marketing Season is fixed every year in consultation with the respective state governments during the meeting with Food Secretaries of State/UTs. The State wise procurement period of paddy for KMS 2024-25 was decided in the meeting with Food Secretaries of States/UTs held on 29.08.2024.

Procurement of Paddy for KMS 2024-25, commenced on the scheduled dates for the respective States/UTs. In some States, harvesting of paddy and its arrival in Mandis was delayed due to heavy rainfall in the month of September and resultant higher moisture content in Paddy, leading to slight delay in procurement. Despite initial delay, the procurement operations are well on track to achieve the estimated procurement.

(c): Day wise & Depot-wise capacity utilization of godowns of FCI between the period from 1st November, 2024 to 13th November, 2024 is available at following link:

<https://fci.gov.in/view/Storage-Capacity-utilization-339>
