

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH November, 2016

PADDY PROCURED ON MSP IN JHARKHAND

2101. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) the details of the paddy procured on Minimum Support Price (MSP) from the State Government of Jharkhand during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the procurement centers opened in the Jharkhand State during the said period;
- (c) whether the farmers are compelled to sell their produce at a price lesser than production cost due to inadequate number of procurement centers; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Paddy procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Govt. at MSP in Jharkhand during the last two years and current year is tabulated below:

(fig. in MT)

Agency	KMS 2014-15	KMS 2015-16	KMS 2016-17
FCI	2455	173126	Procurement to commence from Dec 2016.
State	6154	129920	
Total	8609	303046	

(b): Number of Paddy procurement centers operated in Jharkhand State are tabulated below:

Agency	KMS 2014-15	KMS 2015-16	KMS 2016-17 (Estimated)
FCI	12	228	235
State	813	229	200
Total	825	457	435

(c) & (d) : No Madam, so far no such case has been reported. However, as and when any demand for opening of purchase centre at particular places for price support operations is raised, FCI/State Government Agencies open purchase centres at such places in order to prevent distress sale.

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