

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 781  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

PURCHASE OF PADDY

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

- (a) whether the farmers in the State of Jharkhand have suffered substantial losses due to non-purchase procurement of paddy at Minimum Support Price during the year 2015-16 as there were no purchase procurement centres in the State;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the response of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the special efforts made to set up purchase procurement centres for paddy and to procure maximum quantity of paddy at Minimum Support Price in coming years?

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

(a), (b) & (c) No, Madam. Food Corporation of India along with State Government Agencies had opened 455 purchase centres in Jharkhand Region for smooth procurement of paddy during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2015-16. Furthermore, private players were also engaged for procurement operations for enhancing the outreach of Minimum Support Price to farmers. During KMS 2014-15 and 2015-16 a total quantity of 0.02 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) and 2.06 LMT of rice respectively was procured in Jharkhand Region. The number of Procurement Centres operated during KMS 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as under:-

	KMS 2014-15	KMS 2015-16
FCI	10	25
State agency	886	229
Private player	00	201
Total	896	455

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