

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 797
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th FEBRUARY, 2017

FOODGRAINS PROCURED FROM STATES

797. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:
SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

- (a) the quantum of foodgrains procured by the Government from each State especially from Gujarat, year-wise during the last three years;
- (b) whether due to lower procurement price for foodgrains under MSP during last two years, the farmers were forced to sell their produce to private agencies and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the MPS for procurement at par with the price of foodgrains sold in the open market so as to provide benefit to the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): The State-wise procurement of paddy/rice and wheat for central pool during last three years including Gujarat is enclosed as Annexure-I & II respectively.

(b): No, Madam. There is a Uniform Policy for procurement by Government Agencies across the country. Under this policy, food grains offered by farmers, conforming to within stipulated period specifications prescribed are purchased at Minimum Support Price (MSP) by the State Government agencies including Food Corporation of India (FCI) for Central Pool. However, if producer/farmer get better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market i.e. to private trader/ anyone. The objective of procurement by Government agencies is to ensure that farmers get remunerative prices for their produce thereby avoiding distress sale.

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(c) & (d): Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various foodgrains for procurement by Government Agencies based on the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), views of State Governments, concerned Central Ministries and other relevant factors. While formulating its recommendations on price policy, CACP considers various important factors that include cost of cultivation, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living etc. Government of India (GOI) declares MSP for each season to incentivize the farmers.

The MSP of Wheat and Paddy in the last 3 years are as follows:
(Rs/Qtl)

	Wheat	Paddy	
		Common	Grade A
2014-15	1400	1360	1400
2015-16	1450	1410	1450
2016-17	1525	1470	1510

The MSP over the past years shows an increasing trend.

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Procurement of Rice for Central Pool during last three years

(Fig. in LMT)

S.No.	STATES/ UTs	KMS 2013-14	KMS 2014- 15	KMS 2015- 16
1	Andhra Pradesh	37.37	35.96	43.36
2	Telangana	43.53	35.04	15.79
3	Assam	0.00	0.15	0.42
4	Bihar	9.42	16.14	12.25
5	Chandigarh	0.12	0.10	0.16
6	Chattisgarh	42.90	34.23	34.42
7	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.01
9	Haryana	24.06	20.15	28.61
10	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Jharkhand	0.00	0.06	2.06
12	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	0.00	0.07
13	Karnataka	0.00	0.88	0.55
14	Kerala	3.59	3.74	3.82
15	Madhya Pradesh	10.45	8.07	8.49
16	Maharashtra	1.61	1.99	2.29
17	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	Odisha	28.01	33.57	33.69
19	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Punjab	81.06	77.86	93.50
21	Rajasthan	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	Tamilnadu	6.84	10.51	11.92
23	Uttar Pradesh	11.27	16.98	29.10
24	Uttarakhand	4.63	4.65	5.98
25	West Bengal	13.59	20.32	15.68
Total		318.45	320.40	342.17

Rice include paddy in terms of Rice

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Procurement of Wheat for Central Pool during last three years

(Fig. in LMT)

SL No	STATES/ Uts	RMS 2014-15	RMS 2015-16	RMS 2016-17
1	Punjab	116.41	103.44	106.49
2	Haryana	64.95	67.78	67.52
3	Uttar Pradesh	6.28	22.67	7.97
4	Madhya Pradesh	70.94	73.09	39.92
5	Bihar	-	0.00	0.00
6	Rajasthan	21.59	13.00	7.62
7	Uttrakhand	0.01	0.04	0.02
8	Chandigarh	0.05	0.11	0.07
9	Delhi	-	0.02	0.00
10	Gujarat		0.73	0.00
TOTAL		280.23	280.88	229.61
