

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2866
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2018

FCI CENTRES IN UTTAR PRADESH

2866. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

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

- (a) whether adequate number of FCI centres are available in Uttar Pradesh for procurement of paddy and wheat, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such FCI centres in the country including Uttar Pradesh in future; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

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

(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) in association with the State Government carries out procurement of paddy and wheat in Uttar Pradesh. Private Players are also engaged for procurement of paddy in the State. The centres to be operated by various agencies are decided mutually by the State Government and various procuring agencies.

The number of paddy and wheat procurement centres operated by FCI, State Agencies and Private Players in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as under:

Paddy:

KMS	FCI	State Agencies	Private Player	Total
2015-16	115	2428	153	2696
2016-17	115	2335	209	2659
2017-18	144	3060	216	3420

KMS- Kharif Marketing Season

Wheat:

RMS	FCI	State Agencies	Total
2015-16	138	5025	5163
2016-17	132	4753	4885
2017-18	167	4938	5105

RMS- Rabi Marketing Season

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(b) & (c): Procurement centres are decided and opened in mutual consultation between respective State Government and Food Corporation of India (FCI), taking into account the production, marketable surplus in the catchment area, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics / infrastructure such as storage, transportation and milling facilities etc.

Large numbers of temporary purchase centres are also established for the convenience of the farmers.

Around 40,000 procurement centres for rice and around 17,000 for wheat operation in a crop season are operated for Central Pool.

In case of Uttar Pradesh, number of paddy purchase centres operated by FCI has increased from 115 during KMS 2016-17 to 144 during KMS 2017-18. It is decided to open around 200 procurement centres for wheat by FCI during RMS 2018-19 as compared to 167 opened during RMS 2017-18.
