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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3961
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2018

PADDY PROCUREMENT IN JHARKHAND

3961. 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 quantum of paddy procured at minimum support price in Jharkhand specifically in Ranchi during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) the number of Government procuring Centres opened in Jharkhand specifically in Ranchi during the above period, year wise;
- (c) whether farmers have to sell their agricultural produce at less than the production cost due to unavailability of Government procurement centres; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

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

(a): the quantum of paddy procured at minimum support price in Jharkhand specifically in Ranchi during the last two years and the current year is as under:

(Fig. in LMT)

Kharif Marketing Season (KMS)	Paddy Procured in Jharkhand	Paddy procurement in Ranchi
2015-16	2.36	0.29
2016-17	2.07	0.19
2017-18 (As on 12.03.2018)	1.52	0.15

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(b): The total number of paddy procurement centres opened in State of Jharkhand and in Ranchi during the last two years and current year is as under:

KMS	Purchase centres opened in Jharkhand	Purchase centres opened in Ranchi
2015-16	457	40
2016-17	506	35
2017-18	591	38

(c) & (d): Before the onset of procurement season a meeting of Food Secretaries of the States is convened at the level of Ministry to decide the estimated procurement, milling period and other issues. Based on production, expected procurement, marketable surplus in the catchment area, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics / infrastructure such as storage, transportation and milling facilities etc., the number of procurement centres to be opened are decided mutually by various State Governments/its procurement agencies and Food Corporation of India (FCI). Large numbers of temporary purchase centres are also established for the convenience of the farmers.

The number of procurement centres in the State of Jharkhand has also increased continuously in the last 03 years.
