

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5951**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2018

**CONDITION OF RICE GROWER IN ASSAM**

5951. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE प्रश्नकर्ता एवं किसान कल्याण के लिए  
be pleased to state:

- whether the Government is aware about deplorable socio-economic condition of the rice growers in Assam though the State being the one of the largest rice growing States in the country;
- if so, whether the Government has taken proper action for the procurement of foodgrains including rice from Assam by the Government agencies; and
- if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

प्रश्नकर्ता एवं किसान कल्याण के लिए ( SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam, the Government is aware. Procurement of foodgrains including rice by Government agencies depends upon multiple factors like production, market surplus, minimum support price (MSP), prevailing market rates, demand supply situation and participation of private traders etc with a view to increase outreach of MSP and to avoid the farmer from distress sell in Eastern States including Assam.

The State Government is taking steps to ensure remunerative price for the paddy growers in Assam by way of introducing paddy procurement programme since Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2012-13. The Government has engaged Food Corporation of India, Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing federation of India Ltd, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd and National Federation of Farmers' Procurement, Processing and Retailing Cooperatives of India Ltd for paddy procurement in the State. The target for procurement in the current KMS ( First Crop) was fixed at 1,10,000 metric tonnes and 28,783 metric tonnes has already been procured till 26.03.2018.

