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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1372 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2022

SURPLUS RICE

1372. SHRIMATI RAJASHREE MALLICK:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the MoU stating that the surplus stock of rice which is in excess of allocation in favour of the States under target public distribution system and other welfare schemes are to be handed over to the Food Corporation of India (FCI);
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that the FCI has refused to receive any parboiled rice in the current year from the State of Odisha and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantity of surplus rice received by the FCI from Odisha during the last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): In the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Government of India and State Governments, a clause stipulates that –

"if the stocks of the rice procured by the State Government exceeds its allocation under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Scheme (OWS), such excess stocks shall be handed over to FCI by the State Government. However, FCI shall have the option to specify whether such excess rice that would be handed over to FCI for central pool by the State Government shall be in the form of raw rice or Parboiled rice to meet overall consumption requirement of the country".

(b): Due to burgeoning stock level of parboiled rice in central pool, it was informed to the States that FCI will not be in position to accept parboiled rice during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2021-22. However, States can procure parboiled rice for consumption within the State. On the request of Government of Odisha, Government of India has allowed Odisha for delivery of fortified parboiled rice to FCI as per details given below:

KMS	Quantity of fortified par- boiled rice (In LMT)
2021-22	8.05
2021-22 and 2022-23	4.00
2022-23	6.33
Total	18.38

As on 08.12.2022, Government of Odisha has delivered 7.88 LMT fortified par-boiled rice and 0.63 LMT raw rice to FCI for KMS 2021-22.

(c): The details of surplus rice delivered to FCI by the Government of Odisha for Central Pool during the last five years and current year is as under:-

KMS	Surplus rice delivered to FCI (in LMT)	
2016-17	16.09	
2017-18	12.39	
2018-19	17.84	
2019-20	17.21	
2020-21	18.99	
2021-22*	8.51	
2022-23*	Nil	

^{*}as on 08.12.2022
