

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.71  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**COMPLAINTS OF DELAYED PURCHASE OF PADDY**

**71. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that large number of complaints are received from Bihar regarding delayed purchase of paddy by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and late delivery of Custom Milled Rice;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of measures taken in this regard;**
- (d) the details of the purchase of paddy by PACS in Bihar particularly in district Gopalganj; and**
- (e) the number of cases of complaints received from district Gopalganj in Bihar and the corrective measures taken in this regard?**

**A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

**(a) to (c): Bihar is a Decentralized Procurement (DCP) State wherein procurement of paddy is undertaken by State Government through its agencies and only the surplus rice after meeting State's requirement, is delivered to Food Corporation of India (FCI) in central pool.**

**State Government of Bihar has informed that no complaints have been received regarding delayed purchase of paddy by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and late delivery of Custom Milled Rice. Paddy procurement started from 01.11.2022 in Districts of North Bihar and from 15.11.2022 in remaining districts, in accordance with the onset of harvest.**

**(d): 136076.29 MT paddy has been procured in Bihar including 2081.90 MT paddy in Gopalganj district till 30.11.2022 in KMS 2022-23.**

**(e): In Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2022-23, no complaints have been received from Gopalganj district regarding paddy procurement.**

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