

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2463
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2023

PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS FROM RAJASTHAN

†2463. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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 the share of foodgrains procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) from Rajasthan has declined by 53 percent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years;
- (c) whether FCI is unable to procure even the quota fixed at the beginning of the season;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether lower share of procurement from Rajasthan has adversely affected the farmers financially and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to raise the share of procurement from farmers of Rajasthan; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (d): The share of wheat procured by FCI in Rajasthan has increased in Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2020-21 and 2021-22. The wheat procurement in Rajasthan during RMS 2022-23 was on lower side due to early summer and rise in global wheat prices in view of various geo-political reasons. The market prices of wheat remained continuously higher than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) throughout the procurement period and farmers benefitted from the higher market prices as majority of them sold their produce to the private traders at higher market price in comparison to the MSP.

The quantity of wheat and paddy procured by FCI and State Government agencies for Central Pool in Rajasthan during the last five years is at Annexure.

(e) to (g): Farmers benefitted from the procurement of wheat at MSP during Rabi seasons in Rajasthan. During Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2021-22, paddy was procured in Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar districts. For the benefit of farmers, there is no limit on the quantity of wheat/paddy that can be sold at MSP to the FCI and State Government Agencies.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2463 FOR ANSWER ON 15.03.2023 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Statement of quantity of wheat and paddy procured by FCI and State Government agencies for Central Pool in Rajasthan during the last five years:

(Figures in Lakh Metric Tonns)

RMS/ KMS	Wheat Procurement Estimates	Actual Wheat Procurement			Paddy Procurement Estimates	Actual paddy Procurement		
		By FCI	By State Government Agencies	Total		By FCI	By State Government Agencies	Total
2018-19	16.00	13.04	2.28	15.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2019-20	17.00	12.09	2.02	14.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2020-21	21.74	16.29	5.96	22.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021-22	23.25	16.57	6.83	23.40	0.50	0.07	0.00	0.07
2022-23	23.00	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
