

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3513
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2023

BUDGET FOR MILLETS PROCUREMENT

3513. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

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

- (a) the details of budget allocated for procuring millets to be distributed under PDS for the last three financial years, including the FY 2023-24;
- (b) the total food subsidy budget for the last five years, including FY 2023-24 and the amount provisioned for clearing the debt of FCI; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal for increasing MSP for paddy and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) and (b): No separate allocation of funds is made for procurement and distribution of millets under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). However, the details of funds allocated during the five years including 2023-24 are as under:

| Year | Allocation of funds in crore |
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| 2019-20 | 1,52,672.00, includes repayment of National Small Saving Funds (NSSF) loan of Rs.44,944.00 crore. |
| 2020-21 | 5,41,126.77 includes repayment of entire NSSF loan of Rs.3,39,236.00 crore. |
| 2021-22 | 2,88,718.54 |
| 2022-23 | 2,86,978.50 |
| 2023-24 | 1,97,000.00 |

(c): As intimated by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the Government has increased the MSP of paddy (common) to Rs. 2040 per quintal and Paddy (Grade A) to Rs 2060 per quintal for 2022-23 season. The MSP of paddy for 2022-23 season provides 50% return over the Commission for Agriculture Costs Prices's (CACP) estimated all India weighted average cost of production.
