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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2258 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2023

FUNDS FOR PADDY PROCUREMENT IN TAMIL NADU

2258. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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 funds released by Central Government to the State of Tamil Nadu for procurement of paddy during the last five years;

(b) the details of the actual payment made to the farmers from whom paddy has been procured during the last five years; and

(c) the details of the time-frame within which the payment has been made to farmers from whom paddy has been procured during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a): Tamil Nadu has adopted Decentralized Procurement (DCP) mode, wherein procurement operations are carried out by State Government and its agencies. Being a deficit DCP State, the foodgrains stock procured by the State Govt. and its agencies are consumed within the State.

No State-wise allocation of funds is made by Government of India for procurement of paddy. However, details of funds released to State Government of Tamil Nadu for distribution of food grains for Central Schemes covered under National Food Security Act and Other Welfare Schemes during the last five years are as under:-

Financial Year	Amount (Rs. In Crore)
2018-19	1136.61
2019-20	3242.79
2020-21	3109.76
2021-22	6250.93
2022-23	8685.95

(b): As intimated by State government of Tamil Nadu, details of the actual payment made to the farmers during the last five years are as under:-

KMS Year	Amount (Rs. In Crore)
2018-19	3367.47
2019-20	5925.19
2020-21	8448.95
2021-22	8453.79
2022-23	8718.20
Upto 26.07.2023	

(c): Payment is made to farmers by the concerned State Government/its agencies. As informed by Government of Tamil Nadu, payment is made to farmers within a minimum of 48 hours to maximum of 7 working days from the day of the procurement.
