

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.982
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2023**

STOPPING RICE SUPPLY UNDER OMS IN TAMIL NADU

**982. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:
SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:**

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 Food Corporation of India (FCI) has stopped sale of rice at the rate of Rs. 34/- per kg to the State of Tamil Nadu w.e.f. June, 2023 onwards under the Open Market Scheme (OMS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for such steps taken by FCI; and
- (d) the total number of States that are purchasing rice from FCI under the Open Market Scheme as on date?

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

(a) to (d): Considering expected deficiency in rainfall caused by El-Nino as speculated by India Meteorological Department due to which Kharif crop production in country may be adversely affected, and in order to control inflationary trends and to maintain adequate stock levels under central pool for distribution under National Food Security Act (NFSA) and other welfare schemes (OWS) for the benefit of the entire population of the country, the sale of wheat and rice under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) [OMSS (D)] for State Governments including Tamil Nadu has been discontinued with effect from 13.06.2023.
