

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1346
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th February, 2021**

PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT AND RICE

1346. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

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

- (a) the quantum of procurement undertaken in wheat and rice in the year 2020-21 along with the quantum of procurement compared to the previous year;
- (b) whether the Minimum Support Price (MSP) regime has helped in procuring the quantum and ensuring food security in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a): The quantum of wheat and rice procured during 2019-20 and 2020-21 is as under:

(Fig. in LMT)

KMS/RMS	Rice	Wheat
2019-20	519.97	341.32
2020-21	405.32*	389.92

* Figures reported is as on 01.02.2021

(b) and (c): Procurement of wheat and paddy under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations is on increasing trend which indicates that the MSP regime is helpful and instrumental in ensuring food security in the country.

The procurement of wheat and paddy for the last three years and current year is as under:

(Fig. in LMT)

Year	Wheat	Paddy
2017-18	308.24	568.54
2018-19	357.95	660.11
2019-20	341.32	773.45
2020-21	389.92	604.03#

Figures reported as on 01.02.2021
