

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3580
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2021**

FAIR PRICE SHOPS

3580. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

- (a) the estimated number of Fair Price Shops (FPS) located in the country and number of beneficiaries thereof, State-wise;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that MSP procurement in the country during the year is not robust, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the Central procurement and to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers in the country?**

A N S W E R

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

(a): Around 5.38 lakh Fair Price Shops (FPSs) under the Public Distribution System (PDS) are operational in the country and number of beneficiaries as on 30.07.2021 under NFSA are approx. 79.51 crores. A State/UT wise statement showing total number FPSs and total number of beneficiaries is annexure I.

(b): The procurement of wheat and Paddy has been robust during the current marketing seasons KMS 2020-21 and RMS 2021-22. The procurement has reached all time high. State-wise procurement figures of wheat and rice is enclosed as annexure II & III.

(c): The procurement policy of Government of India (GOI) is open ended, under which paddy and wheat offered by farmers within the stipulated period (conforming to specifications prescribed in advance by GOI) are purchased for Central Pool at MSP by Food Corporation of India/ State Governments/ State Government Agencies to help farmers get remunerative price and prevent distress sale. MSP operations are given wide publicity through various means and farmers are made aware of quality specifications and purchase system etc. However, if any producer/farmer gets better price in comparison to MSP, he/she is free to sell his/her produce in open market.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3580 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10.08.2021 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Statement indicating State-wise total No. of Fair Price Shops and Beneficiaries under NFSA

Sl.	States/UTs	Total No. of Fair Price Shops	No. of Beneficiaries covered under NFSA (in Lakhs)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	464	0.61
2	Andhra Pradesh	28,936	268.22
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,640	8.40
4	Assam	38,237	251.17
5	Bihar	47,032	871.16
6	Chandigarh	NA	2.66
7	Chhattisgarh	12,304	200.77
8	Dadra & NH and Daman Diu	114	2.65
9	Delhi	2,018	72.78
10	Goa	456	5.32
11	Gujarat	17,210	341.71
12	Haryana	9,526	126.49
13	Himachal Pradesh	4,934	28.64
14	Jammu & Kashmir	6,002	72.41
15	Jharkhand	25,532	263.70
16	Karnataka	19,935	401.93
17	Kerala	14,189	154.80
18	Ladakh	409	1.44
19	Lakshadweep	39	0.22
20	Madhya Pradesh	25,133	482.58
21	Maharashtra	52,532	700.17
22	Manipur	2,765	18.60
23	Meghalaya	4,735	21.46
24	Mizoram	1,245	6.68
25	Nagaland	1,629	14.05
26	Odisha	12,577	324.33
27	Puducherry	NA	6.24
28	Punjab	17,525	141.51
29	Rajasthan	25,682	440.01
30	Sikkim	1,362	3.79
31	Tamil Nadu	34,776	364.69
32	Telangana	17,170	191.62
33	Tripura	1,806	24.83
34	Uttarakhand	9,200	61.94
35	Uttar Pradesh	80,493	1,471.92
36	West Bengal	20,261	601.84
	Total	5,37,868	7,951.36
