

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4472  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**SHUT DOWN OF RICE MILLS IN WEST BENGAL**

**4472. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:**

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

- (a) the number of rice mills in the State of West Bengal, district-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government has shut down any rice mills in West Bengal;**
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government intends to set up new rice mills in Bishnupur constituency of Bankura district; and**
- (e) if so, the time by which the Government intends to do the same?**

**A N S W E R**

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

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**(a): Government of West Bengal has informed that Food & Supplies Department of the state only empanels eligible and functional rice mill for custom milling of paddy for its Public Distribution System (PDS) operations. Total number of rice mills empanelled by Food & Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal as on 22.03.2022 is 588 only. District-wise number of empanelled rice mills in West Bengal is at Annexure.**

**(b) to (e): Government of West Bengal has further informed that Rice Mills are of private individuals or industrial/commercial ventures. Food & Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal does not have any role in opening or closure of any rice mill.**

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4472 FOR ANSWER ON 30.03.2022 IN THE LOK SABHA.**

**DISTRICT-WISE NO. OF EMPANELLED RICE MILLS IN WEST BENGALAS ON 22.03.2022**

| SI NO.       | NAME OF DISTRICTS          | NO. OF EMPANELLED RICE MILLS |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1            | ALIPURDUAR                 | 12                           |
| 2            | BANKURA                    | 45                           |
| 3            | BIRBHUM                    | 56                           |
| 4            | COOCH BEHAR                | 9                            |
| 5            | DAKSHIN DINAJPUR           | 14                           |
| 6            | DARJEELING                 | 15                           |
| 7            | HOOGLY                     | 85                           |
| 8            | HOWRAH                     | 6                            |
| 9            | JALPAIGURI                 | 33                           |
| 10           | JHARGRAM                   | 17                           |
| 11           | MALDAH                     | 22                           |
| 12           | MURSHIDABAD                | 36                           |
| 13           | NADIA                      | 13                           |
| 14           | NORTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANAS | 13                           |
| 15           | PASCHIM BARDHAMAN          | 5                            |
| 16           | PASCHIM MIDNAPORE          | 29                           |
| 17           | PURBA BARDHAMAN            | 117                          |
| 18           | PURBA MIDNAPORE            | 22                           |
| 19           | PURULIA                    | 15                           |
| 20           | SOUTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANAS | 9                            |
| 21           | UTTAR DINAJPUR             | 15                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                            | <b>588</b>                   |

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