

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2814  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2022**

**PROCUREMENT OF MINOR MILLETS**

**2814. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:**

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

- (a) **whether the Government has planned to encourage the farmers who are cultivating minor millets by procurement through public distribution scheme in the country;**
- (b) **if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) **if not, the reasons therefor?**

**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)&(b): As per guidelines for procurement, allocation, distribution and disposal of coarse grains, States are allowed to procure coarse grain (Jowar, Bajra, Maize & Ragi etc.) from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) under central pool with the prior approval of Government of India.**

**To encourage the farmers who are cultivating coarse grains/millets, Government of India has recently revised guidelines wherein the distribution period of these commodities has been increased to 6-10 months from the earlier period of 3 months. This would increase procurement and consumption of millets as the States would have more time for their distribution in Target Public Distribution System/ Other Welfare Scheme.**

**At present, Major millets (Jowar, Bajra and Ragi) are distributed through Public Distribution System in the country.**

**(c): Only those millets which are covered under MSP (Jowar, Bajra and Ragi), allowed for procurement under Central Pool.**

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