

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.526
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2022**

PROCUREMENT OF RAGI IN KARNATAKA

526. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

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 is aware that Ragi farmers in Karnataka are hit hard by procurement policy and farmers are selling their produce around less than the MSP since Government is delaying procurement and its limit and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Government has directed the State Governments to procure only 2.1 lakh tonnes and it includes maximum procurement of only 20 quintals from each farmer and if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of quantum of ragi production, procurement and distribution under PDS in the State of Karnataka during the last five years?

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

(a)&(b): During KMS 2021-22, two separate procurement plans have been received from State Govt. of Karnataka for 2.10 LMT and 3.14 LMT Ragi. For these plans permissions have been granted expeditiously by the Government of India under the guidelines for procurement, allocation, distribution and disposal dated-7.12.2021.

Hence, State Government of Karnataka has been granted permission for procurement of total quantity of 5.24 LMT of Ragi from farmers at MSP during the KMS 2021-22. As regards 20 quintals procurement from farmers, Government of India has not set any limit.

(c): The details of production, procurement and distribution under PDS of Ragi in State Government of Karnataka during the last five years are at Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 526 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.07.2022 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Details of production, procurement and distribution under PDS of Ragi in State Government of Karnataka during the last five years

Year	Production of Ragi (in LMT)	Procurement of Ragi (in LMT)	Distribution of Ragi (in LMT)
2017-18	12.8603	0	0
2018-19	06.7752	0.94390008	0.94233428
2019-20	11.6406	1.93243068	1.93243068
2020-21	13.6983	4.75315297	4.75238194
2021-22	10.7936	4.04783700	2.73945449*

*Distribution is in progress.
