

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1244
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2024

PROCUREMENT OF PADDY

1244. SHRI AMRINDER SINGH RAJA WARRING:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the issues being faced by the farmers due to delays and inefficiencies in paddy procurement;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken with regard to the ground level implementation of the paddy procurement process;
- (c) whether the Government proposes on implementing corrective measures to address these issues; and
- (d) if so, the details of these measures and the timeline for their implementation, if not, the reasons therefore?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d) : The procurement of paddy for central pool is primarily undertaken by State Govt.'s agencies which engage Arhatiyas, where ever in practice; cooperative societies; Self-Help groups (SHGs); Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) etc. for procurement of paddy from farmers and delivery of same to rice millers for milling of paddy to rice.

The States Govt. formulate elaborate procurement plan keeping in view the local requirements and dynamics for efficient procurement operations under price support system. Large number of procurement centres are opened by the respective State Govt. agencies taking into account the production, marketable surplus, convenience of farmers and availability of other logistics/infrastructure such as storage and transportation etc.

The procurement of paddy for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2024-25 commenced on the scheduled dates for the respective States/UTs. In some States, harvesting of paddy and its arrival in Mandis was delayed due to heavy rainfall in the month of September and resultant higher moisture content in paddy, leading to slight delay in procurement. Despite initial delay, the procurement operations are well on track to achieve the estimated procurement.