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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2955 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025

EFFICIENCY IN PROCUREMENT PROCESS

2955. SHRI AMAR SHARADRAO KALE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government proposes to focus on the integration of end-to-end technical solutions to achieve operational efficiency and ensure leak proof procurement of wheat and paddy;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): whether there is any possibility to ensure end-to-end integrated technical solutions in the procurement process and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

- (a) to (c): The Government has adopted technological improvements in procurement processes across the country. The Information technology (IT) interventions towards enhancement of transparency in procurement operations are as given below:
- i. Procurement of Paddy and Wheat under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations is carried out through Online Portals of State Governments, which has brought substantial transparency in the process with introduction of registration of farmers for sale of their produce at govt. procuring centers/ mandis, online land verification and online payment of MSP directly into the farmer's bank account.
- ii. Procurement portals also provide information regarding MSP declared, nearest purchase center, date/period of procurement, allotment of slots/time to farmers for sale of their produce, etc. This has not only reduced the waiting period for delivery of stock by the farmers but also has enabled the farmer to deliver stock as per his convenience to the nearest mandi.
- iii. State procurement portals have been unified into Central Food Grains Procurement Portal (CFPP) to share identified MTP (Minimum Threshold Parameters) including Aadhaar based biometric- authentication of farmers towards development of an application eco-system, wherein requisite information in respect of procurement is available at single source for monitoring and strategic decision-making.

- iv. "One Nation, One MSP through DBT" implemented across the country from RMS 2021-22 onwards which has ensured payment of MSP directly into farmers' account. DBT of MSP has brought in responsibility, transparency & real time monitoring in the system.
- v. In order to bring transparency in linking of rice millers to the FCI's depots and allocation of space to them for delivery of Custom Milled Rice (CMR), an online application Warehouses Inventory Network & Governing System (WINGS) has been introduced on which millers themselves can book stacks as per pre-defined criteria.
