

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5390
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2026

PADDY PROCUREMENT

5390. SHRI MANI A:

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

- (a): the details of paddy procurement including the quantity procured through central agencies and the number of farmers who benefited from MSP procurement operations during the last three years, year and State-wise;
- (b): whether the Government has assessed the adequacy of procurement centres across major paddy-producing States particularly in remote and rain-fed regions and the steps taken by the Government to ensure easier access for farmers to MSP procurement facilities;
- (c): whether the Government has received complaints from farmers in Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu regarding limited procurement centres, long waiting periods or transport difficulties while delivering paddy to procurement points and if so, the details thereof;
- (d): whether any study has been conducted on the participation of small and marginal farmers of Dharmapuri in MSP procurement and if so, the details of the challenges they face in accessing procurement support; and
- (e): whether the Government proposes to expand procurement centres, improve storage infrastructure and ensure timely MSP payments to farmers in Dharmapuri district and if so, the details thereof?

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(a): The State-wise, details of quantity of paddy procured and number of farmers benefited, during the last three years are at **Annexure**.

(b): The procurement operations at Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the states are majorly carried out by State Government procuring agencies. Adequate number of Procurement Centres (PCs) are opened by the respective State Govt. Agencies and FCI taking into account the production, marketable surplus, availability of other logistics and convenience of the farmers in the region. A number of temporary purchase centres, if required, in addition to the existing mandis and depots/godowns are also established at key locations, to further facilitate ease and accessibility for farmers.

(c): No complaint has been received from farmers in Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu regarding limited procurement centres, long waiting periods or transport difficulties while delivering paddy to procurement points.

(d) & (e): Tamil Nadu, being a Decentralized Procurement (DCP) state, undertakes the procurement of food grains primarily through the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC) and other State Government agencies.

In Tamil Nadu, digital registration and streamlined logistics have enhanced access to procurement facilities by the farmers including small and marginal farmers who are eligible to register for MSP procurement. In particular, in remote and rain-fed regions, focused initiatives such as infrastructure expansion, decentralization, digitalization, and targeted outreach in underserved areas have considerably improved the accessibility and efficiency of procurement operations.

In Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu, Ragi cultivation is predominant compared to paddy. During KMS 2024-25, Samba Season, a total quantity of 2,618 MT of paddy was procured and an amount of Rs.6.41 crore was disbursed to 683 beneficiaries. Further, two Direct Procurement Centres (DPCs) were also opened in the district during KMS 2024-25 for procurement of ragi. A total of 1,014.15 MT of ragi was procured and Rs.4.35 crore was disbursed to 836 beneficiaries. In the ongoing KMS 2025-26, 2 ragi procurement DPCs have been opened and as on 16th March, 2026, 770.60 MT of ragi has been procured and Rs.3.77 crore has been disbursed to 547 beneficiaries. In addition, 2 paddy procurement DPCs have also been opened and 7.20 MT of paddy has been procured so far from the district.

“One Nation, One MSP through DBT” has been implemented across the country which has brought in responsibility, transparency & real time monitoring. Necessary directions have been issued by GoI to all procuring State Governments for making the payment of MSP to farmers preferably within 48 Hours from the issue of procurement receipt.

Storage Capacities for storing food grains in Dharmapuri District, FCI is operating by hiring Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation (TNWC) Nallampalli depot (TNWC PEG Dharmapuri) having 15,000 MT capacity. Further, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) has also envisaged for construction of a godown at SIPCOT Dharmapuri.

Annexure

Paddy Procured and Numbers of Farmers Benefitted						
States/UTs	KMS 2022-23		KMS 2023-24		KMS 2024-25	
	Paddy Procurement (in LMT)	No of Farmers Benefitted	Paddy Procurement (in LMT)	No of Farmers Benefitted	Paddy Procurement (in LMT)	No of Farmers Benefitted
Andhra Pradesh	41.13	678604	30.43	479159	38.22	517676
Telangana	93.86	2016798	95.32	1500655	100.44	1617991
Assam	5.98	62423	3.94	39577	8.50	66530
Bihar	42.05	577064	30.79	372556	39.23	462963
Chandigarh	0.19	1404	0.25	1714	0.26	1612
Chhattisgarh	87.53	2047842	123.88	2472441	116.42	2549606
Gujarat	1.77	28357	0.85	15651	0.35	6609
Haryana	59.36	282725	58.94	282103	53.99	310100
Himachal Pradesh	0.14	3407	0.23	4274	0.37	6338
Jharkhand	1.73	31855	0.74	10927	2.06	58858
J&K	0.34	6549	0.24	4494	0.33	4897
Karnataka	0.21	7646	0.00	0	0.01	158
Kerala	7.31	250373	5.59	198478	5.81	206913
Madhya Pradesh	46.30	647699	42.16	605553	43.42	669271
Maharashtra	18.48	516941	11.64	375519	15.93	463072
Odisha	79.16	1710773	70.89	1532237	85.55	1821071
Puducherry	0.00	28	0.00	63	0.00	44
Punjab	182.11	903942	185.28	914803	173.33	904471
Tripura	0.45	21712	0.32	16112	0.36	17357
Tamil Nadu	33.84	599912	34.96	393887	47.99	573761
Uttar Pradesh	65.50	940226	53.80	692604	57.71	662854
Uttarakhand	8.96	58038	7.30	41009	6.73	33895
West Bengal	32.09	1102759	24.69	704417	29.28	902460
All India Total	808.45	12497077	782.25	10658233	826.27	11858507