

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 901
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2026

PDS IN PUNJAB

901. SHRI CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI:

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

- (a): whether the Government has reviewed the procurement of wheat and paddy and the functioning of the Public Distribution System in Punjab;
- (b): if so, the details of the quantity procured, distributed and lifted during the last two years;
- (c): whether complaints regarding delays, storage losses or price rise of essential commodities have been received; and
- (d): if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken by the Government to protect farmers and consumers?

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

- (a): The procurement operation is a continuously evolving process and during the last few years, procurement processes under Minimum Support Price (MSP) have improved to ensure payment of MSP to farmer's bank account directly instead of payment through Arhatia and linkage of Aadhaar and Land records with the State's procurement portals ensuring the farmers directly get the benefits of the MSP purchase.

PDS-Evaluation, Monitoring and Research, erstwhile a scheme component, is a project aimed to get the functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)/ National Food Security Act (NFS) evaluation through independent reputed agencies from time to time. Department of Food and Public Distribution has engaged several Monitoring Institutions for conducting concurrent evaluation, state wise in phase manner.

(b): The details of Wheat and Paddy procured in the last two years in Punjab (including UT Chandigarh) are as under:

(In LMT)

| Wheat | Quantity Procured | Paddy | Quantity Procured |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| RMS 2024-25 | 124.66 | KMS 2024-25 | 173.59 |
| RMS 2025-26 | 119.28 | KMS 2025-26 | 156.69 |

The details of the quantity of wheat lifted and distributed under PDS in Punjab during the last two years are as under:

(In LMT)

| Financial Year | Quantity Lifted | Quantity Distributed |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2024-25 | 8.44 | 8.07 |
| 2025-26 | 5.44 | 8.22 |

Rice is not distributed under PDS in the State of Punjab.

(c) & (d): There is no complaint received regarding delays, Storage losses or price rise of essential commodities.
