GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3852 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9^{TH} AUGUST, 2016

INCREASE IN SUBSIDY

3852. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the amount of Government subsidy being given on the foodgrains in the country has been increasing continuously during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the amount of this subsidy given during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the economic cost price of wheat and paddy (rice) held by the Food Corporation of India has also increased during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Amount of food subsidy released during last three years and current year is as under:

(in Rs. crore)

Year	Subsidy released
2013-14	89740.02
2014-15	113171.16
2015-16	134919.00
2016-17*	61782.02

^{*}As on 03.08.2016

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The economic cost of Food Corporation of India (FCI) for wheat and rice during last three years and current year is as under:

(in Rs./qtl)

Year	Wheat	Rice
2013-14	1,908.32	2,615.51
2014-15	2,051.24	2,943.58
2015-16	2,199.95	3,093.73
2016-17	2,344.80	3,266.70