

WHEAT

	BPL			APL		
	ALLOT.	OFFTAKE	%	ALLOT.	OFFTAKE	%
1997-98	27.343	19.225	70.31	52.606	35.474	67.43
1998-99	31.378	26.220	83.56	67.818	52.014	76.69
1999-2000	32.365	30.183	93.25	69.388	25.994	37.462
2000-2001	70.953	36.458	51.38	42.513	1.81	4.26
2001-2002	79.428	38.247	48.15	40.577	5.295	13.05

Rice Procurement in Andhra Pradesh

195. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to increase rice procurement target of the Food Corporation of India in the state from the current 50 per cent to 75 per cent; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh in its letter dated 13-7-2002 has requested for increase in the percentage of levy rice from 50% to 75%.

(b) The proposal is under examination.

Sugar from PDS for BPL People

196. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of People Below Poverty Line in the country who actually get sugar under PDS;