

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All necessary arrangements for smooth conduct of procurement of paddy from farmers have been made before the start of the Kharif season. Procurement of paddy by Food Corporation of India (FCI), State Governments and/or their Agencies has started from the beginning of the Kharif season all over India. Adequate number of purchase centres have opened by FCI in consultation with State Governments.

Subsidy to the FCI

2640. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy provided to the Food Corporation of India for the benefit of the consumers and producers during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) the details of wheat, rice and paddy procured by the FCI during the last four years, state-wise;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to reduce the carrying storage etc. cost of buffer stocks and the achievements during the said years; and

(d) the procurement price of the foodgrains during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 along with the distribution price, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Amount released to FCI/States during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)			
Year	FCI	States	Total
1997-98	7472	28	7500
1998-99	8646	54	8700
1999-2000	8856.36	343.64	9200
2000-2001	11462	548	12010

(b) State-wise details of wheat, rice and paddy procured by the Food Corporation of India including state agencies during the last four years can be seen in the statement I to V (*see below*)

(c) In order to reduce the buffer carrying cost of buffer stock and storage, Government has initiated the following steps to liquidate the stocks:—

- (i) Increase in the allocation of foodgrains to 25 kg. per family per month under BPL.
- (ii) Reduction in Central Issue Prices w.e.f. 25.7.2000 and further reduction in APL prices by 30% w.e.f. July, 2001.
- (iii) To offer wheat and rice at prices lower than the economic cost under open sale.
- (iv) Issues under various welfare schemes like MDM, Nutrition Programme, Food for Work, Annapoorna and for indigent people (destitute women and children), SC/ST and OBC hostels etc. at BPL prices, instead of at economic price.
- (v) Wheat and rice are being issued to the identified poorest of the poor families @ Rs. 2/- and Rs. 3/- per kg. respectively, under Antyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme.
- (vi) Export of wheat and rice at prices lower than the economic cost.
- (vii) Wheat and rice is also being issued under 'Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana' in the States of Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development.

With these steps the average monthly off-take of foodgrains has gone up from 14.96 lakh tonnes during 2000-2001 to 19.34 lakh tonnes during 2001-2002.

(d) Details of procurement prices and Central Issue : Prices of foodgrains during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (year-wise) are in Statement -V.

Procurement of Wheat, Paddy and Levy Rice during Rabi/Kharif season 1998-99

(in Lakh Tonnes)

State	Wheat			Paddy			Levy Rice		
	FCI	State Agencies	Total	FCI	State Agencies	Total	FCI	State Agencies	Total
Punjab	18.27	43.19	61.46	23.89	35.66	59.55	4.14		4.14
Haryana	4.73	26.85	31.58	0.48	0.58	1.16	2.23		2.23
U. P.	1.24	19.99	21.23	Neg.	0.10	0.10		8.61@	8.61
Rajasthan	6.67		6.67	0.01		0.01	0.03		0.03
Chandigarh				0.08		0.08			
Delhi	0.08		0.08	Neg.		Neg.			
H. P.									
A. Pr.				0.16		0.16	50.52		50.52
Karnataka							1.00		1.00
Pondicherry				0.01		0.01	0.08		0.08
M. P.	0.45	4.85	5.30		2.36	2.36	2.72		2.72
Maharashtra					Neg.	Neg.	0.05		0.05
Bihar	Neg.		Neg.						
Assam									
Orissa							4.81		4.81
W. Bengal								1.24	1.24
Gujarat	0.02		0.02						
Total :	31.46	94.88	126.34	24.63	38.80	63.43	65.58	9.85	75.43

(@) = Out of this, a quantity of 8.55 lakh MT rice lifted by FCI.

Note : Figures are provisional

Statement - III

Procurement of Wheat, Paddy and Levy Rice during Rabi/Kharif season 1999-2000

State	Wheat			Paddy			Levy Rice		
	FCI	State Agencies	Total	FCI	State Agencies	Total	FCI	State Agencies	Total
Punjab	24.57	53.75	78.32	24.16	58.54	82.70	12.74		12.74
Haryana	6.25	32.45	38.70	0.81	2.67	3.48	7.54		7.54
U.P.	0.61	12.00	12.61	Neg.	0.62	0.62		13.97@	13.97
Rajasthan	6.37		6.37	0.25		0.25	0.16		0.16
Chandigarh				0.17		0.17	0.03		0.03
Delhi	0.01		0.01				0.06		0.06
H.P.									
A.Pr.							55.22		55.22
Karnataka							1.11		1.11
Pondicherry							0.09		0.09
M.P.	0.46	4.96	5.42		4.67	4.67	7.92		7.92
Maharashtra					Neg.	Neg.	0.54		0.54
Bihar				0.01		0.01	0.20		0.20
Assam									
Orissa							9.23		9.23
W. Bengal								3.60	3.60
Gujarat	Neg.		Neg.						
TOTAL :	38.27	103.16	141.43	25.40	66.50	91.90	94.84	17.57	112.41

(@) = Out of this, a quantity of 7.85 lakh MT rice lifted by FCI.

Note : Figures are provisional

Statement - IV
Procurement of Wheat, Paddy and Levy Rice during Rabi/Kharif season 2000-2001
(In Lakh Tonnes)

State	Wheat			Paddy			Levy Rice		
	FCI	State Agencies	Total	FCI	State Agencies	Total	FCI	State Agencies	Total
Punjab	28.12	66.11	94.23	27.83	58.46	86.29	11.82		11.82
Haryana	4.13	40.86	44.99	1.58	12.05	13.63	5.68		5.68
U.P.	0.13	15.32	15.45		6.03	6.03*		8.12@	8.12
Rajasthan	5.39		5.39	0.31		0.31	0.06		0.06
Chandigarh			0.00	0.24		0.24			0.00
Delhi			0.00			0.00			0.00
H.P.			0.00	0.01		0.01			0.00
A.Pr.			0.00	0.56	3.74	4.30	68.98		68.98
Karnataka			0.00		0.01	0.01	2.29		2.29
Pondicherry			0.00			0.00	0.40		0.40
M.P.	0.14	3.37	3.51		6.43	6.43**	6.32		6.32***
Maharashtra			0.00		0.32	0.32	0.13		0.13
Bihar			0.00	0.12		0.12			0.00
Assam			0.00			0.00			0.00
Orissa			0.00			0.00	9.18		9.18
W. Bengal			0.00			0.00		N.R.	N.R.
Gujarat			0.00			0.00			0.00
Total :	37.91	125.66	163.57	30.65	87.04	117.69	104.77	8.12	112.89

(*) = Includes 0.63 lakh tonnes paddy procured in Uttaranchal.
 (**) = Includes 5.24 lakh tonnes paddy procured in Chhatisgarh
 (***) = Includes 5.34 lakh tonnes rice procured in Chhatisgarh
 (@) = Out of this, a quantity of 5.51 lakh tonnes rice lifted by FCI up to 31-3-2001.
 N.R. = Not reported.

Note : Figures are Provisional

Statement-V
Procurement Prices and Central issue Prices of Foodgrains during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001
Procurement/Support Prices

Year	Paddy			Wheat		Coarse grains			Rs./quintal
	Common	Grade 'A'	Antyodaya	APL	BPL	Jowar, Bajra Maize, Ragi	Barley		
1999-2000	490	520	550	415	385				
2000-2001	510	540	580	445	430				
2001-2002	530	560	610	485	500				
Central Issue Prices									
Year	From	To	Wheat		Antyodaya	Rice			Rs./Quintal
			APL	BPL		Com*	Gr 'A'	Com.	
1.4.99	31.3.00	682	250	Nil	700	905	350	350	—
1-4-00	24.7.00	900	450	Nil	1135	1180	590	590	—
25.7.00	11.7.01	830	415	Nil	1087	1130	565	565	—
12.7.01		610	415	200 **	795	830	565	565	300 **

*Applicable to only J&K, H. P., N. E., Sikkim and Uttaranchal.

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