

(c) and (d) Production of onions as per estimates made are likely to be of the order of 157 lakh MT during 2011-12. For the period April to July, no specific assessment of the availability of onion in the country is available. The demand for onion is reported to be more or less stable throughout the year.

Procurement in Odisha

4838. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that FCI has neither taken effective steps to achieve the target of procurement in Odisha nor to receive Custom Milled Rice (CMR) from Paddy Procuring Agents, inspite of having sufficient godown space and technical manpower;

(b) the reasons for above situation and whether one of the reasons is pushing more wheat into the godowns in the State, in spite of less demand by consumers; and

(c) the measures being taken to remedy the above situation and also to enhance storage capacity under various schemes including Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No Sir. No such reports have been received. However, Odisha being a decentralized Procurement (DCP) State, the State Government is responsible for procurement of rice, use the same for its PDS requirement and hand over the balance, if any, to FCI for the Central Pool. During the ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2011-12, Odisha State Agencies have procured about 21 lakh tonnes of rice. The annual allocation for the current year for the State's PDS requirement is about 20.5 lakh tonnes of rice, while FCI has taken over 2.71 lakh tonnes of rice from State agencies which is more than the surplus to be handed over by State Agencies to FCI for the Central Pool.

(c) and (d) As on 1.4.2012, a total storage capacity of 9.62 lakh tonnes was available in Odisha. Out of this, 5.98 lakh tonnes was available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) and 3.64 lakh tonnes was available with State agencies. Against this capacity on 1.5.2012, only 2.04 lakh tonnes of wheat stocks were available in Odisha. To increase the covered storage capacity for central pool stocks of foodgrains, the Government has launched the Private Entrepreneur Guarantee (PEG) scheme. A capacity of about 151 lakh tonnes is to be created in 19 states under the PEG scheme through private entrepreneurs and Central and State

Warehousing Corporations. Under the PEG scheme, a capacity of 3 lakh tonnes has been sanctioned for Odisha to augment the storage capacity in the state.

Allocation of Foodgrains

†4839. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of foodgrains allocated, released and procured during each of the last three years, State-wise and categorywise;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase allocation of foodgrains for the families living above poverty line;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) the break-up of the subsidy provided by Government to the families living above poverty line and those living below poverty line, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) State-wise details of the allocation and offtake of foodgrains (rice and wheat) made for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) including *ad hoc* additional allocations made, and the procurement of rice and wheat made during respective marketing seasons, during the last three years, are given in Statements I-IV (See below).

(b) and (c) Under the TPDS, allocations of foodgrains for Above Poverty Line (APL) families are made depending upon availability of food grain stocks in the Central Pool and past offtake by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. Presently, these allocations range between 15 kg and 35 kg per family per month among the States/UTs.

Considering the availability of surplus stocks in the Central Pool, requests received from States/UTs and to augment supply of foodgrains at cheaper rates to check open market prices, Government has been making additional allocation of foodgrains for APL category over and above the normal allocation under TPDS, from time to time as per details given below—

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- (i) 30.66 lakh tons of rice and wheat allocated in May 2010 for distribution

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