

The National Food Security Bill, 2011 provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural population, with at least 46% population belonging to priority households and upto 50% of the urban population, with at least 28% population belonging to priority households for receiving subsidized foodgrains under TPDS. Priority households will be entitled to receive 7 kg of foodgrains per person per month and General households will be entitled to receive not less than 3 kg of foodgrains per person per month.

Wheat from Bihar in central pool

2341. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI has any agreement with Bihar Government to get the wheat from the State under central pool during 2011-12;

(b) if so, how much quantity was agreed and how much amount have been paid to that State by FCI;

(c) whether FCI has received the total quantity, as per the agreement and the payment made to the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) For Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2011-12, the Government of Bihar vide Notification dated 04.04.2011 authorized different agencies, including Food Corporation of India (FCI) to procure wheat for the Central Pool from the farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government of India. However, no such agreement was required between Government of Bihar and FCI.

(b) to (d) A target of 10.5 lakh tons of wheat procurement was fixed by the Government of Bihar for RMS 2011-12, against which the quantity procured, as reported by the State Government, was 5.56 lakh tons, including 0.54 lakh tons procured by FCI. Out of 5.02 lakh tons of wheat procured by State agencies, 4.20 lakh tons of wheat has been actually delivered to FCI for which due payment has been made to the agencies concerned as per existing norms.

Loss of wheat

†2342. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.