

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide difference between the cost of yield and the support price of sugarcane in sugarcane producing States; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to minimize the said gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir. The Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane for the 2012-13 sugar season, which is the minimum support price, has been fixed at Rs.170 per quintal linked to 9.5 percent recovery rate which covers the estimated all India cost of production of sugarcane.

(b) Does not arise.

Procurement of wheat

†1578. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat targeted to be procured this year in the country and the total actual procurement in terms of percentage;

(b) the targets set for procurement of wheat in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh separately and the percentage of wheat procured in these States against the set target;

(c) whether it is a fact that barring Uttar Pradesh, 90 per cent wheat out of set target was procured in other States whereas in Uttar Pradesh only 42 per cent of wheat was procured out of the set target; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) As per the discussions held with the wheat procuring States before commencement of the Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2012-13, the quantum of wheat estimated to be procured in RMS 2012-13 was 318 lakh tons. Against this, the actual procurement of wheat has been 381.48 lakh tons, which is 119.96% of the estimated procurement.

(b) Wheat is not procured in Andhra Pradesh. The estimated and the actual procurement of wheat in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana are given below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(in lakh tons)

| Sl.No. | Name of the State | Estimated procurement | Actual Procurement (actual as percentage of estimated procurement) |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1. | Uttar Pradesh | 42 | 50.62 (120.52%) |
| 2. | Punjab | 108 | 128.34 (118.83%) |
| 3. | Haryana | 70 | 86.65 (123.79%) |

(c) and (d) In the State of Uttar Pradesh, the actual procurement of wheat in RMS 2012-13 has been 120.52% of the estimated procurement, whereas at the all India level this was 119.96%.

Under utilization of storage capacities

1579. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten thousand tonnes capacity silos in Khurja, fifty thousand tonnes capacity concrete godowns in Hapur and Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh are not being used by FCI, whereas recently purchased wheat is lying in the open and is damaged by rain and rodents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The Silo of 20,000 MT capacity in Khurja is not being used due to Court Case between FCI and Labour Unions. At Hapur 10,000 MT of silo capacity is in use. However, Bins of 72000 MT at Kanpur is not in use as they were constructed in 1967 and have outlived its filling and evacuation system.

As on 01.08.2012, a quantity of 946381 MT wheat stocks were lying in Cover and Plinth (CAP) complexes of FCI and State Agencies of UP Regions.

However, a meagre quantity of 15 MT of wheat stocks were accrued as Non-issuable in CAP storage during 2011 -12.