Note: Complaints received for Packaged Natural Mineral Water (IS 13428) - Nil

## Availability and requirement of foodgrains

2256. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate foodgrains stocks are available in the central pool to meet the

- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the current stocks and estimated requirement of foodgrains during the ensuing year; and
  - (c) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB DADARAO DANVE): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 16.11.2014 was 405.90 lakh tons *vis-a-vis* minimum buffer norms of 212 lakh tons for October-December quarter. Under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), the estimated annual requirement of foodgrains is 614.3 lakh tons for Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS).
  - (c) Question does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

## Procurement of agricultural produce by FCI

2257. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of wheat, paddy, rice and other agricultural produces procured by the FCI along with the number of farmers benefited therefrom during each of the last five years and current year, State-wise, particularly in Telangana; and
- (b) the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) fixed by Government for agricultural produces during the last five years and current year, produce-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB DADARAO DANVE): (a) and (b) For the central pool, foodgrains and coarsegrains are procured by FCI and State Agencies. The total quantum of wheat, paddy, rice procured by FCI alone during last five years and current year is given in Statement-I (See below). The Government do not maintain the records of farmers benefited from such procurement operations.

The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) fixed by Government for Agriculture produce during last five years and current year are given in Statement-II.