Safe storage of foodgrains

- †2322. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:
- (a) the action plan made by Government to procure wheat and the quantity of wheat procured or being procured, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that wheat is lying in open along road sides after procurement in States like Haryana and Punjab which are big producers of wheat, thus causing heavy damage to the grains; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the concrete steps being taken by Government for safe storage of foodgrains after their procurement?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN): (a) Before commencement of wheat procurement/Rabi marketing season, Government of India (GOI) convenes meeting of Food Secretaries of wheat procuring states to review their preparedness for the smooth conduct of procurement operations. During the meeting, state representatives provide their inputs related to estimated procurement, centres to be operated, and availability of packaging material etc.

For Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2016-17, the meeting was held on 15.02.2016 in which it was decided to procure 305.00 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) of wheat during RMS 2016-17, out of which 220.81 LMT has already been procured as per data reported on 09.05.2016. State -wise details of the target and actual procurement is given in the Statement (See below).

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Question does not arise.

Statement

State-wise details of the target and actual procurement of wheat

(In lakh tons)

States/UT	RMS 2016-17 (CY 2015-16)	
	Procurement Target	Actual Procurement
Punjab	110	103.83
Haryana	65	66.63
Uttar Pradesh	35	5.74
Uttarakhand	1	0.01
Madhya Pradesh	68	38.31
Gujarat	0.85	0.01
Rajasthan	18	6.21
Bihar	7	0.00
Chandigarh	0	0.07
West Bengal	0.15	0.00
Total	305	220.81

CY-Crop Year

As per data reported on 09/05/2016

Source: Conrol Room, DFPD

Distress sale of onion

2323. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards onion prices falling suddenly in various wholesale markets and some farmers have sold their onion upto 30 paise per kilogram in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch mandi in the month of April, 2016, if so, the details there of and Government's reaction thereto; and
- (b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to prevent such distress sale of onion by ensuring remunerative price to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN): (a) The requisite information is given in Statement-I (See below).

(b) The requisite information is given in Statement-II.