

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2021

PROCUREMENT OF PADDY DURING 2020-21

184: SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether paddy procurement by Government during 2020-21 has increased by about 25 percent with the purchase of over 506.33 LMT till December 2020 as against 405.10 LMT in 2019-20;
- (b) if so, the details of paddy procurement data for 2019-20 and 2020-21 (till December 2020), State-wise;
- (c) what additional arrangement has been made for storage of greater quantity of paddy procured this year; and
- (d) the quantity of paddy procured during 2019-20 that is still stored in warehouses of FCI, CWC and with various State Governments and the mechanism to replace them with freshly procured paddy?

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MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *184 FOR ANSWER ON 12.03.2021 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

(a) to (d): During KMS 2020-21, a quantity of 487.93 LMT paddy has been procured till December 2020 as compared to 390.56 LMT paddy procured during corresponding period (till December 2019) in KMS 2019-20, which shows an increase of 24.93% over previous year. State-wise, details of paddy procured during KMS 2019-20 (till December 2019) and KMS 2020-21 (till December 2020) is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

FCI continuously assesses and monitors the storage capacity and based on storage gap assessment, storage capacities are created/hired. Following steps have been taken for augmenting the storage capacity –

- I. All the regions have instructions to hire the storage capacities based on requirement.
- II. The Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS), has been extended upto 31.03.2023.
- III. State Governments have been requested to augment their storage capacities in accordance with the quantum of procurement of foodgrains and requirement of National Food Security Act.
- IV. Instructions were issued by FCI to increase stack size of Rice to 174 MT and Wheat upto 181 MT.

During KMS 2019-20, a quantity of 773.45 LMT paddy was procured of which around 14.24 LMT of unmilled paddy is still stored in warehouse/storage point of various State Government Agencies. These unmilled paddy are liquidated as per the demands emanating from States/consuming regions in terms of Custom Milled Rice (CMR).

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *184 FOR ANSWER ON 12.03.2021 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

Paddy Procurement for Central Pool

(Fig. in LMT)

S. No	STATE	KMS 2019-20*	KMS 2020-21**
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	14.47	15.41
2	TELANGANA	38.02	41.60
3	BIHAR	0.30	6.24
4	CHANDIGARH	0.22	0.28
5	CHHATISGARH	30.16	49.97
6	GUJARAT	0.20	0.70
7	HARYANA	64.29	56.12
8	JHARKHAND	0.00	0.42
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0.15	0.38
10	KERALA	1.66	1.71
11	MADHYA PRADESH	7.20	22.90
12	MAHARASHTRA	2.87	2.95
13	ODISHA	18.25	21.33
14	PUNJAB	162.28	202.78
15	TAMIL NADU	0.50	5.71
16	UTTAR PRADESH	40.83	49.43
17	UTTRAKHAND	9.16	10.00
	TOTAL	390.56	487.93

* Data as on 31.12.2019

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