

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1998
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2021

PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS

1998: SHRI ANIL DESAI:
SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of foodgrains, particularly wheat and paddy, procured under MSP from Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and the number of farmers who benefitted during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the assistance provided by the Central and State Governments to the farmers of these States during the same period; and
- (c) whether sufficient storage facilities are also available in these States?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a): The quantity of wheat and paddy procured under MSP from Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh is as under:

(Fig. in LMT)

KMS/RMS		Punjab	Haryana	U.P.	M.P.
2016-17	Wheat	106.49	67.52	7.97	39.92
	Paddy	164.96	53.48	35.14	19.61
2017-18	Wheat	117.06	74.32	36.99	67.25
	Paddy	176.61	59.58	42.90	16.35
2018-19	Wheat	126.92	87.84	52.94	73.13
	Paddy	169.16	58.83	48.25	20.82
2019-20	Wheat	129.12	93.20	37.00	67.25
	Paddy	162.33	64.28	56.57	25.97
2020-21	Wheat	127.14	74.00	35.77	129.42
	Paddy*	202.82	56.12	66.84	37.27

* Data reported as on 04.03.2021 for KMS 2020-21.

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The number of farmers benefitted from wheat and paddy MSP operations from Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh is as under:

KMS/RMS		Punjab	Haryana	U.P.	M.P.
2016-17	Wheat	834655	472313	166073	532907
	Paddy	940560	556654	435320	287759
2017-18	Wheat	843446	690448	800646	738895
	Paddy	1142621	681984	492913	278898
2018-19	Wheat	897905	883783	1127649	959940
	Paddy	1143713	830792	684013	362089
2019-20	Wheat	830528	902937	749858	961338
	Paddy	1125238	1891622	706549	436399
2020-21	Wheat	1049982	780962	663810	1594383
	Paddy*	1057674	549466	1022286	587223

* Data reported as on 04.03.2021 for KMS 2020-21.

(b): The procurement policy of Government of India (GOI) is open ended, under which paddy and wheat offered by farmers within the stipulated period (conforming to specifications prescribed in advance by GOI) are purchased for Central Pool at Minimum Support Price (MSP) by Food Corporation of India/ State Governments/ State Government Agencies, to help farmers get remunerative price and prevent distress sale. However, if any producer/ farmers get better price in comparison to MSP, he/she is free to sell his/her produce in open market.

(c): Sufficient storage facilities are available in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Storage capacity and stock position (as on 31.01.2021) in these States, is given below:-

(Fig. in LMT)

State	STORAGE CAPACITY			Foodgrain Stock
	FCI	State Agencies	Total Capacity	
Punjab	124.30	101.80	226.10	191.92
Haryana	63.99	68.07	132.06	75.69
Uttar Pradesh	53.75	0	53.75	37.56
Madhya Pradesh	8.38	153.12	161.50	94.92
