

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1528
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2021

PROCUREMENT OF PADDY BELOW THE MSP

1528 SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the complaints by paddy growing farmers, especially from Haryana about the procurement of paddy below the Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action Government has taken to ensure procurement of paddy at MSP; and
- (c) the target for procurement of paddy in Haryana for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2021-22, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) and (b): No complaints regarding paddy procurement below Minimum Support Price (MSP) have been received from anywhere including Haryana in the Department of Food and Public Distribution/Food Corporation of India (FCI).

Government of India has implemented **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** to farmers across the country. With its implementation, farmers are not dependent upon middleman anymore and they receive the payment of their produce directly into their Bank account without any delay and cuts. DBT of MSP has brought in transparency and real time monitoring of the procurement operations.

(c): During Kharif Marketing Season 2021-22 (kharif crop), an estimate of 60.00 LMT paddy (40 LMT in terms of rice) procurement on MSP under central pool was fixed. Against this estimate, as on 06.12.2021, a quantity of 55.30 LMT paddy under central pool was procured on MSP.
