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Title: Regarding need to fix procurement target of rice for entire year for each State and also increase the pace of procurement.

**DR. G. RANJITH REDDY (CHEVELLA):** With farmer-friendly policies of Telangana CM, State achieved tremendous progress in agriculture sector and now the State has not only been able to meet its foodgrain requirement but also became a huge rice-surplus State. So, surplus grains can be sent to deficit States.

FCI is given mandate for food grain procurement, supply through PDS and keeping buffer stock. But, FCI is following policies, like not fixing procurement target for entire year, procurement not keeping pace with production, etc., proved to be detrimental to farming community, particularly from Telangana. Unfortunately, FCI is also not able to see increased production of rice in Telangana year-after-year. Due to this, Govt. of Telangana is finding it difficult to plan appropriate cropping pattern for farmers.

Hence, I request PM to kindly intervene and direct FCI to:

Fix procurement target of rice for entire year in one go for each State.

Increase its pace of procurement.