

Regarding request to increase the permissible level of moisture content of paddy at the time of procurement

SHRI MURASOLI S. (THANJAVUR): Hon. Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. In Tamil Nadu particularly in the delta districts, there has been record production of paddy during this Kuruvai season. Procurement of paddy stood at 4.81 lakh metric tonnes during the year 2024-25 and this has increased to a record level of 16.11 lakh metric tonnes this year. This is record level of paddy procurement in Tamil Nadu during this Kuruvai season. There is a demand from the farmers of Cauvery delta region of Tamil Nadu. Their important demand is to increase the permissible level of moisture content from 17 percent to 22 per cent while procuring paddy. This year also, the same demand has been put forth by the State government of Tamil Nadu. After receiving such a demand, the Union government had sent a team of Officials to the State of Tamil Nadu. But even after the visit of central team to our State, our demand was not acceded to. I urge that the State government of Tamil Nadu should be allowed to increase the permissible level of moisture content of paddy at the time of procurement, as per the requirement. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has also requested to increase the permissible level of moisture content of paddy meant for procurement and I urge that this demand should be fulfilled.