GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5275
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2000
IRREGULARITIES IN FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Rice and the Wheat purchased at the Minimum SupportPrice (MSP), above the MSP and below the MSP in the Andhra Pradesh and other States in each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the officials of FCI in collusion with the local ricemillers are cheating and looting the ryots by deliberately understating and under-certifying the rice brought by ryots and are forcing the ryots to sell at a price far below the minimum support price;

(c) whether there is any inspectory agency to see, to check and to avoid collusion of Food Corporation of India officials and the rice millers in deliberately grossly understating and undervaluing the price of the rice and wheat;

(d) whether any cases were booked against such officials of Food Corporation of India and rice millers for such violation; and

(e) the preventive steps are being taken to avoid such nexus?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) Rice is procured from the millers as per the Levy Control Orders ofthe concerned States at the prices fixed by the Government of India. Levy prices of rice differ from State to State. The quantity of levy rice procured in various States, year-wise, has been indicated in the statements at Annexures I to II.

Wheat is procured at minimum support price (MSP) fixed by theGovernment. The MSP of wheat is uniform for all the States.Wheat and paddy conforming to Fair Average Quality specifications announced by the Government, which is brought in the mandis/procurement centers by the farmers, is procured by the FCI/State Governments/ Agencies, on MSPA statement showing the quantities of wheat procured on MSP, in different States, is at Annexure II. No wheat is procured in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir. No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(c),(d) & (e) : Special teams/squads are constituted by the FCI at Headquarters/ Zonal/ Regional/District levels to check irregularities in the process of procurement of foodgrains. In the event of any complaints, the Government also depute Flying Squads to have on-the-spot verification for preventing any irregularities in the procurement of foodgrains.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5275 ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 22-12-2000.

PROCUREMENT PRICES FOR LEVY RICE (RAW & PARBOILED) DURING 1997-98,1999-2000 2000-2001 KHARIF MARKETING SEASON.

PRICE OF LEVY RICE RATE: RS./QTLS.

REGION	1997-1998 COMMON GRADE 'A' RAW PAR.	1997-1998 COMMON GRADE 'A' BOILED	1998-1999 COMMON GRADE 'A' RAW PAR.	1998-1999 COMMON GRADE 'A' BOILED	1999-2000 COMMON GRADE 'A' RAW PAR.	1999-2000 COMMON GRADE 'A' BOILED	2000-2001 COMMON GRADE 'A' RAW PAR.	2000-2001 COMMON GRADE 'A' BOILED
PUNJAB	736.60	745.20	786.00	788.60	788.40	791.20	838.00	840.10
HARYANA	729.40	733.10	778.20	781.20	780.70	783.60	829.80	831.90
U.P.	707.20	711.20	754.50	757.80	757.20	760.40	804.60	807.20
RAJ.	720.20	724.00	768.40	771.50	767.70	770.80	815.90	818.20
DELHI	729.40	733.10	778.20	781.20	780.70	783.60	829.80	831.90
ST. C/ANM	716.50	720.40	764.40	767.40	763.70	766.90	811.40	814.10
A.PRADESH	735.10	739.70	784.40	787.20	783.40	786.30	782.70	834.80
KARNATAKA	729.40	733.10	778.20	781.20	780.70	783.60	829.80	831.90
M.P.	679.49	683.80	724.60	728.80	724.20	728.10	769.40	772.40
MAH.	680.50	684.90	725.70	729.40	725.50	729.20	770.60	773.70
M.MENGAL	674.30	680.70	721.30	725.00	721.00	724.80	766.20	769.20
P.CHERY	673.20	677.70	717.90	721.80	717.40	721.60	762.50	765.70
ORISSA	710.30	714.30	757.80	761.60	757.20	760.40	804.40	807.20
ASSAM	691.80	696.00	737.90	741.40	737.50	741.00	783.60	786.40
BIHAR	704.20	708.20	751.20	754.50	- - -	- - -	835.70	832.90
GUJRAT	- - -	-	721.00	724..80	766.00	769.20	792.80	800.40

REGION	2000-2001 COMMON GRADE 'A' RAW PAR.	2000-2001 COMMON GRADE 'A' BOILED
PUNJAB	838.00	840.10
HARYANA	829.80	831.90
U.P.	807.20	838.00
RAJ.	818.20	840.70
DELHI	829.80	831.90
ST. C/ANM	814.10	845.30
A.PRADESH	834.80	867.20
KARNATAKA	829.80	831.90
M.P.	772.40	802.90
MAH.	773.70	2.50
M.MENGAL	769.20	797.90
P.CHERY	765.70	794.10
ORISSA	807.20	838.00
ASSAM	786.40	816.10
BIHAR	842.80	844.60
GUJRAT	826.60	828.80

ANNEXURE-II

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STATEMENT SHOWING PROCUREMENT OF LEVY RICE STATE WISE/YEAR WISE.

(FIGURES IN MT)

NAME OF STATE / CENTRAL A/C (A)	QTY. PROCURED 1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
PUNJAB	413669	1273624	371631
HARYANA	223025	753751	240599
U.P.	861244	1379514	33099
RAJASTHAN	3081	16106	-
CHANDIGARH	-	3505	-
DELHI	-	5485	-
H.PRADESH	-	-	-
A. PRADESH	5551441	5497866	694140
KARNATAKA	130442	111028	-
PONDICHERRY	8005	8587	1421
M.P.	271715	791299	3074
MAHA	561215	-	-
KERARA	19324	-	-
ASSAM	-	-	-
ORISSA	482845	897119	47385
W.BENGAL	140625	351094	-
ARUNACHAL	-	-	-

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(FIGS. IN LAKH MTS.)

ACTUAL PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT

REGIONS	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001 (AS ON 9.10.2000)
	RABI		
PUNJAB	61.46	78.31	94.27
HARYANA	31.45	38.69	44.93
UTTAR PRADESH	23.41	12.61	15.45
RAJASTHAN	6.47	6.37	5.39
MADHYA PRADESH	5.30	5.42	3.50
OTHERS	8.10	0.02	-
TOTAL	126.39	141.42	163.54