

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:789
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2003
PROCUREMENT OF CEREALS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the cereals procured by the Government during the last three years;
- (b) whether the cereal procurement has declined during the current year; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S L MAHARIA)

(a): The quantities of wheat, rice and coarse cereals procured during the last three years are as under:-

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Marketing Year Rice Coarse cereals Wheat
(Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi)

2000-01	212.80	6.51	163.55
2001-02	221.29	3.15	206.30
2002-03#	160.30	0.60	190.24
2003-04#		158.02	

As on 22.7.2003

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The major factors contributing to lesser procurement in the current Kharif/Rabi Marketing Season are drought conditions in most of the paddy producing States, fall in production of foodgrains and open market prices ruling at par or higher than the Minimum Support Prices.