

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:755
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2003
PROCUREMENT OF BAJRA
PRABHA RAU

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

- (a) the quantity of Bajra procured by the Government during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the minimum price fixed by the Government for the procurement of Bajra for the current financial year; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to achieve the target set for procurement of Bajra during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): The State-wise quantity of Bajra procured by the Government during last three years is given below:

(Quantity in tonnes)

State 2000-01 2001-02 2002-03 2003-04 (as on 02.12.03)

A.P.	-	-	-	2144
Gujarat	-	45867	-	-
Haryana	-	-	-	199121
Karnataka	4514	-	-	-
M.P.	7405	10339	-	-
Maharashtra	10510	6075	4	49
Rajasthan	-	33982	-	37723
Total	22429	96263	4	239037

(b): The Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price of Coarsegrains (Bajra) of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) procured during the Kharif Marketing Season 2003-04 at Rs.505/- per quintal.

(c): All the foodgrains including coarsegrains (Bajra) conforming to the prescribed specifications offered by the farmers for sale at specified Centres are purchased by the FC/State Procuring Agencies. The farmers are free to sell their produce to FC/State Agencies at support prices or in the open market as is advantageous to them. Therefore, no targets, as such are fixed for the procurement of Coarsegrains (Bajra)