

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1963
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2000
PROCUREMENT OF RICE FROM ANDHRA PRADESH
Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

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

- (a) whether the FCI has not been maintaining status quo over the purchase of grade I and grade II rice from Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether FCI's decision has greatly affected the farmers in Krishna, East and West Godavari districts of the State;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard;
- (e) whether any directions have been given by the Government to FCI in this regard with a view to protect the interest of farmers of the State; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Both Grade 'A' and common rice are purchased by FCI in Andhra Pradesh as per the laid down specifications of the Government. Procurement of common rice is comparatively higher than the last year, apparently due to reduction of admixture (in Grade 'A' rice) from 13% to 10% w.e.f. 1.4.2000.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d), (e) & (f) : FCI has procured levy rice in Andhra Pradesh more than the target fixed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as a whole, and also some of the districts which include Krishna, East and West Godavari districts. The details of procurement of rice by the FCI in respect of the districts of Krishna, West Godavari and East Godavari are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d),(e) & (f) UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1963 FOR ANSWER IN T LOK SABHA ON 4-8-2000

STATEMENT SHOWING QUANTITY OF RICE PROCURED IN KRISHNA, WEST AND EAST GODAVARI DISTRICTS YEAR 1998-99 AND 1999-2000.

PROCUREMENT (in MTs)

Year District Target of Andhra Grade 'A' Common Total
Pradesh Govt.

1998-99	Krishna	4,11,1155	4,34,12	-	4,34,122
	W.Godavari	5,83,230	6,52,186	166	6,52,352
	E.Godavari	6,95,490	9,16,136	50	9,16,188

1999-2000	Krishna	3,82,500	3,51,561	84,517	4,36,168
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(as on 1.6.2000)	W.Godavari	5,41,500	5,59,278	49,539	6,08,817
	E. Godavari	7,10,500	7,48,506	1,60,799	9,09,305

