

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3705
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2004
PROCUREMENT TARGET OF RICE
Acharia Shri Basudeb

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

- (a) whether the Government has set a target for procurement of Rice by FCI for the year 2004-2005;
- (b) if so, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of West Bengal has requested the Union Government for increasing procurement of Rice by the FCI and creation of necessary infrastructure for storage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): It is estimated that 225 lakh MTs of rice is likely to be procured during Kharif Marketing Season 2004-05. The State-wise estimates are at Annexure.

(c), (d) & (e): Yes, Sir. FCI has been directed to procure levy rice and create adequate storage space in West Bengal for storing the procured rice.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3705 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 23.08.2004 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Estimated procurement of rice, State-wise, during KMS 2004-05

State Estimated procurement (lakh tonnes)

Andhra Pradesh	45
Bihar	6
Chattisgarh	22
Haryana	12
Madhya Pradesh	2
Maharashtra	3
Orissa	13
Punjab	82
Tamil Nadu	5
Uttar Pradesh	20
Uttaranchal	3
West Bengal	10

Others 1225