

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1579
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2006
SHORTAGE OF PROCUREMENT CENTRES IN UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of procurement centres of Food Corporation of India presently operating in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether most of these procurement centres have remained non-operational and are not purchasing grains from the farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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): Food Corporation of India (FCI) operated 184 procurement centres in Uttar Pradesh during Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2005-06. In the ensuing RMS 2006-07 FCI propose to open approximately 350 centres in U.P.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): Does not arise.