

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

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PURCHASE OF FOODGRAINS BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether private sector companies are also purchasing foodgrains for storage in Government godowns;
- (b) if so, the names of such private companies engaged in purchases of foodgrains;
- (c) the locations in North India where such companies have opened purchase centres; and
- (d) the difference in purchase price of foodgrains offered by these private companies and Food Corporation of India?

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): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c)& (d): Large corporate buyers like Cargil, ITC, Mahindras, Birlas, Adani and Reliance are engaged in purchases of wheat in some States in Northern India including Uttar Pradesh at prices ranging from Rs. 730 per qtl. to Rs. 920 per qtl., which is Rs. 30 - Rs. 220 per qtl. above, the price offered by Food Corporation of India.