

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4610
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INSTITUTE FOR TESTING RICE AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assigned the responsibility of testing rice and wheat, before procurement by Food Corporation of India to some institutes;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor indicating the names of such institutes;
- (c) the criteria followed in the selection of the said institutes;
- (d) whether the Government regularly reviews and evaluates the functioning of the said institutes;
- (e) if so, whether shortcomings have been noticed in some such institutes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and action taken against such defaulting institutes?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a): No, Sir. The Government has not assigned the responsibility of testing of rice and wheat before procurement by Food Corporation of India to any institute.
- (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): Do not arise.