

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

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

- (a) the total quantity of rice procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Karnataka during the last six months;
- (b) the quantity likely to be procured from the State by FCI till the commencement of next kharif season;
- (c) the districts where the rice is being stored by the FCI, indicating the quantum thereof;
- (d) the storage charges paid by FCI during the last three years for the rice stored in private godowns in the State; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the expenses of storage in the State?

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): Food Corporation of India (FCI) has informed that 13,932 MTs of levy rice was procured by them in Karnataka during the last six months and another 10,000 MTs of rice is expected to be procured in the State till the end of Kharif Marketing Season 2006-07.

(c): The districts where the rice is being stored by the FCI, as well as its quantum is given below:

1. Mandya 6021 MTs
2. Mysore 378 MTs
3. Shimoga 7533 MTs

(d) & (e): FCI has informed that the storage charges paid to the private godowns in Karnataka during last three years is 'Nil'. No private godowns were hired for storage of foodgrains in Karnataka during last three years. Some of the godowns hired by FCI from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)/State Warehousing Corporation (SWC) were hired by them from private parties. FCI has further informed that procured rice stocks are stored in FCI owned godowns and only in extreme urgency wherever owned storage is not sufficient/available then only SWC/CWC godowns are hired. Periodically review of storage space is undertaken and godowns space is de-hired wherever not required.