

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1887
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2010
PROCUREMENT OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge quantity of less water intensive variety of paddy, PAU 201 produced in the country including Punjab rotted due to the failure of FCI to procure the same;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps proposed by the Government to ensure procurement of the said paddy by FCI?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF.K.V. THOMAS)

(a): No, Madam. As informed by Government of Punjab, there was no problem in procurement of PAU 201 as it was within the prescribed specifications of paddy. There is no report of rotting of paddy of PAU 201 variety.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.