

Title: Requested to fix the rice having admixture of 14 per cent as fine quality by the Food Corporation of India in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU (NARSAPUR): Mr. Deputy-Speaker Sir, I am raising an important issue relating to the farmers in Andhra Pradesh, especially in East Godavari and West Godavari districts. The Food Corporation of India have procured Rice MTU 1001 last year for 14 per cent admixture. Now, unfortunately they have reduced it to 10 per cent admixture. That is unfortunate. The Andhra Pradesh Government has already recognised this as fine quality. This quality would be number-one quality when admixture is 14 per cent. In Punjab the FCI is procuring paddy inclusive of milling expenses and it is almost that of Andhra Pradesh admixture of 14 per cent. Sometime ago they procured it for 20 per cent also . But in A.P., they have reduced it. Therefore, the farmers are already agitated over this issue. I am requesting the Union Minister that in the interest of the farmers the rice variety should be recognised as fine quality and the admixture should be fixed at 14 per cent.