

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3837
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2014**

PDS PRICES

3837. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री **be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has increased the prices of rice, sugar and wheat being distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the State Governments were taken into confidence before increasing the same in any manner, if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereto; and
- (d) the details with regard to the cost of procurement, handling and transportation of these commodities during the said period?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)**

(a): No, Madam.

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

(d): the details with regard to the cost of procurement, handling and transportation of these commodities during last three years are Annexed.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3837 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.12.2014 IN THE LOK SABHA

COMMODITY-WISE DETAIL OF COST FOR THE YEAR 2011-12 TO 2013-14

	Rs. In crores		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1. Procurement cost			
a. Wheat	31582.38	47974.96	49223.90
b. Rice	51207.08	48202.11	53180.25
c. Paddy	736.63	1002.04	786.84
d. Sugar	799.42	798.97	66.14
Total:	84325.51	97978.08	103257.13
2. Handling cost:			
a. Wheat, rice & Paddy	2735.73	3316.09	4171.63
b. Sugar	15.12	17.59	2.88
Total :	2750.85	3333.68	4174.51
3. Transportation cost # :	4909.80	7071.87	7931.34

Transportation costs are combined cost of wheat , rice and sugar.

In the context of FCI, the cost of procurement is termed as Acquisition Cost. Acquisition cost of FCI consists of Minimum Support Price and Procurement Incidentals.

2. Since 2012-13 the sugar industry has been decontrolled , therefore, no data for 2013-14 have been calculated; however, the Government incurs subsidy for sugar @ Rs.18.50 Per Kg for the cost of procurement, handling and transportation of sugar.
