

## Procurement of Foodgrains

5.55 The year 2005-06 was a normal agricultural year with adequate procurement of foodgrains. Rice procurement during the kharif marketing season (KMS) 2005-06 at 27.7 million tonnes was higher by around 3 million tonnes compared to 2004-05 (Table 5.15). Wheat procurement during RMS 2006-07 (as on November 30, 2006) at 9.2 million tonnes was, however, substantially lower by 5.6 million tonnes than that during RMS 2005-06. In KMS 2006-07, which started from October 2006, procurement of rice upto January 15, 2006 was satisfactory at 11.1 million tonnes compared to 11.5 million procured in the corresponding period of 2005-06.

5.56 Till recently, it was a common grievance of many States that their farmers have not

benefited much from the price support operations, since the procurement of foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been largely concentrated in a few States such as Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. These four States accounted for nearly 74 per cent of rice procured for the central pool in KMS 2003-04 (Table 5.15) while only two states, Punjab and Haryana, accounted for more than 91 per cent of wheat procurement in RMS 2005-06 (Table 5.16). The procurement of rice in non-traditional States, which have adopted the decentralized procurement scheme, like Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, has gone up substantially from 7.8 million tonnes in KMS 2003-04 to 10.9 million tonnes in 2005-06 (Table 5.15).

**Table 5.15: Procurement of Rice**

State/U.T.	Quantity (Lakh tonnes)			Per cent share of states		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Andhra Pradesh	42.30	39.04	49.72	18.5	15.8	18.0
Bihar	3.63	3.43	5.24	1.6	1.4	1.9
Chhattisgarh	23.74	28.37	32.65	10.4	11.5	11.8
Haryana	13.34	16.62	20.54	5.8	6.7	7.4
Maharashtra	3.08	2.05	1.94	1.4	0.8	0.7
Orissa	13.73	15.90	17.85	6.0	6.4	6.5
Punjab	86.62	91.06	88.55	37.9	36.9	32.0
Tamil Nadu	2.07	6.52	9.26	0.9	2.6	3.3
Uttar Pradesh	25.54	29.71	31.51	11.2	12.0	11.4
Karnataka	-	0.21	0.48	-	0.1	0.2
Kerala	-	0.33	0.94	-	0.1	0.3
Uttaranchal	3.23	3.16	3.36	1.4	1.3	1.2
West Bengal	9.25	9.44	12.75	4.1	3.8	4.6
Others	1.75	0.99	1.77	0.8	0.4	0.6
Total	228.28	246.83	276.56	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source : Department of Food and Public Distribution.

**Table 5.16 : Procurement of wheat***(Lakh tonnes)*

State/U.T.	Procurement of wheat			Per cent share of states		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07*	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07*
Bihar	0.15	45.30	-	0.1	23.5	-
Haryana	51.15	45.29	22.29	30.5	23.5	24.2
Himachal Pradesh	0	0.00	-	0.0	0.0	-
Madhya Pradesh	3.49	4.80	0.00	2.1	2.5	0.0
Punjab	92.4	90.10	69.46	55.0	46.7	75.3
Rajasthan	2.79	1.60	0.02	1.7	0.8	0.0
Uttaranchal	0.54	0.40	0.00	0.3	0.2	0.0
Uttar Pradesh	17.41	5.60	0.49	10.4	2.9	0.5
Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delhi	0.02	0.02	-	0.0	0.0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>167.95</b>	<b>193.11</b>	<b>92.26</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* : As on November 30 2006.

Source : Department of Food and Public Distribution.