

Govt procurement of paddy rises 9%

The government's paddy procurement for the central pool rose over 9% to 30.61 million tonnes so far in the ongoing 2022-23 kharif marketing season, according to the food ministry data.

Higher quantities of paddy were purchased from Punjab, Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Telangana. Normally, paddy procurement begins immediately after the withdrawal of the Southwest monsoon from October onwards. However in southern states, especially in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, it begins from September.

The government aims to procure 77.57 million tonnes of paddy in the 2022-23 kharif marketing season (October-September). The actual procurement stood at record 75.93 million tonnes in the previous kharif marketing season.

According to the official data, the total paddy purchase has increased to 30.61 million tonnes till 27 November of the 2022-23 kharif marketing season from 28.05 million tonnes in the year-ago period.