

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

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STOCK OF WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made any assessment with regard to the stock of wheat and rice taking into account the estimated quantity of new crop of wheat and rice;
- (b) if so, the total quantity of wheat and rice on that basis;
- (c) whether Government have made any assessment of the quantity of wheat and rice in their stock at the end of the year after taking into account the requirements of wheat and rice to be disbursed through P.D.S. to the people living above and below the poverty line;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the maintenance of this stock throughout the year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): The Government makes assessment of the stocks of wheat and rice in the central pool taking into account the estimated procurement during the current Kharif/ Rabi Marketing Season and the likely offtake under Targeted Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes. As per estimates made as on 13.3.2000, the stocks of rice and wheat in the central pool are as under, as compared to the minimum buffer stocking norms.

(Fig. In lakh tonnes)

Date as on	Likely stocks		Buffer stocking norms	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice

1.7.2000	224.46	131.37	143.00	100.00
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1.10.2000	104.97	116.00	65.00	
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2. In view of recent revision in entitlement of families below the poverty line (BPL) and central issue prices of foodgrains, accurate estimate of stocks at the end of the year cannot be made at this stage.

(e) Estimated expenditure to be incurred on the maintenance of stocks during 2000-2001 in carrying average buffer stocks to the tune of 119 lakh tonnes would be approximately Rs.2127 crores.
Not estimated.