

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5098
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STOCK OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have excess stocks of wheat amounting to 88 lakhs tonnes as per report appearing in the `Indian Express` dated November 25, 1999;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the position of stock during the last year and the quantum of foodgrains actually imported during that period; and
- (c) the quantum of excess stock required to meet the emergent circumstances?

Answer

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

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Against the prescribed buffer level of wheat 116 lakh tonnes, the wheat stock as on 1st October, 1999 was 205 lakh tonnes resulting to an excess stock of wheat 90 lakh tones

(approximately). The position of stock in central pool during 1999 is as under:-

(In lakh tonnes)

As on Rice Wheat

1.1.99	116.83	126.96
1.2.99	121.28	116.24
1.3.99	119.76	107.68
1.4.99	117.39	99.21
1.5.99	116.58	197.57
1.6.99	111.39	222.09
1.7.99	107.35	216.35
1.8.99	96.75	210.62
1.9.99	85.55	213.46
1.10.99	88.18	205.32
1.11.99	127.79	194.66
1.12.99	132.51	184.80

During 1998-99, 14.15 lakh tonnes of wheat was imported on Government account. However, no import of wheat took place on Government account during 1999-2000.

(c) The minimum level of stock prescribed for central pool for the Ninth Plan Period to meet the emergent circumstances is as under:-

(In lakh tones)

As on Rice Wheat Total

1st April	118.00	40.00	158.00
1st July	100.00	143.00	243.00
1st October	65.00	116.00	181.00
1st January	84.00	84.00	168.00

(b) Against the prescribed buffer level of wheat 116 lakh tonnes, the wheat stock as on 1st October, 1999 was 205 lakh tonnes resulting to an excess stock of wheat 90 lakh tones (approximately). The position of stock in central pool during 1999 is as under:-