

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:48
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
BUFFER STOCK OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

the quantity and rates at which wheat and rice were sold in the domestic and foreign market during 1999-2000?

Answer

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

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) During the year 1999-2000, (upto December, 1999) the offtake of wheat and rice under Public Distribution System (PDS), Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) and other welfare schemes is as under:-

In lakh tones

Scheme	Offtake of wheat	Offtake of rice
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P.D.S.	39.93	83.65
O.M.S.S. (D)	17.02	1.06
Other welfare schemes	2.96	7.14

(b) Central Issue Prices of wheat and rice are as follows:

Wheat Rate effective from For families above poverty line
Rs.682/- per qtl. 1.4.1999
For families below poverty line
Rs.250/- per qtl. 1.6.1997

Rice Common Grade-A For families above poverty line
- Rs.905/- per qtl.
29.01.99 For families above poverty line applicable to
J&K, H.P.,N.E. states, Sikkim and hilly areas
of U.P.
Rs.700/- per qtl.

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29.01.99 For families below poverty line
Rs.350/- per qtl.
Rs.350/- per qtl.
01.06.97

(c) A quantity of 25.61 lakh tonnes (Provisional) of wheat has been sold from April, 1999 to January, 2000 under Open Market Sales Scheme (Domestic) at the rates given as under:

Period	North Zone	South Zone	West Zone	East Zone
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03.02.99 to 15.04.99	Rs.653/-per qtl.	Rs.724/-per qtl.	Rs.697/-per qtl.	Rs.716/-per qtl.
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16.04.99 to Rs.690/-per qtl. Rs.747/-per qtl. Rs.725/-per qtl. Rs.748/-per qtl.
13.05.99

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02.12.99

03.12.99 Rs.688/-per qtl. Rs.705/-per qtl. Rs.697/-per qtl. Rs.699/-per qtl.
till date

the state of M.P. has been placed under West Zone w.e.f.04.08.99

(d) No rice is being sold in the domestic market under open market sale scheme. However, some quantity of rice not issuable under PDS has been sold by calling tenders. As regards sale in the foreign market during 1999-2000, no rice has been sold in the foreign market by the FCI. However, a quantity of 50,000 M.T. of wheat is to be exported to Government of Nepal ex-FCI godowns in U.P. and Bihar at open sale rate applicable at the time of delivery. A contract has been executed on 31.12.1999 with M/s Salt Trading Corporation, Kathmandu, Nepal, the authorised nominee of Government of Nepal, for lifting wheat between December '99 to March, 2000. Against this contract, a quantity of 759 M.Ts has been lifted upto 16.02.2000.

A quantity of 12,300 MTs of wheat and 10,640 MTs of rice has also been sold to Government of Bhutan at APL rates from April, 1999 to January, 2000.