

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6789
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FCI WHEAT STOCK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the FCI wheat stocks have surpassed the 25.00 million tonne mark;
- (b) whether FCI does not store wheat in non-wheat producing states or ports of export where the demand for wheat is higher;
- (c): whether traders in non-wheat producing States are exploiting the FCIs lapses on wheat storage location policy;
- (d) whether FCI has any mechanism in place for anticipating demand and for grading of quality; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S L MAHARIA)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
 - (b): No, Sir. Food Corporation of India (FCI) also stores wheat in non-wheat producing states.
 - (c): Question does not arise.
 - (d)&(e): FCI has mechanism for grading the quality of stock during procurement and storage. The foodgrains during storage are categorized on the basis of their quality. The damaged foodgrains are also categorized for different end use purposes viz. Cattle feed I, II and III etc.
- Government of India has sufficient stock of foodgrains in Central Pool to meet the entire demand under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and various welfare schemes.