

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:283
ANSWERED ON:03.09.2007
ALLOCATION OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of wheat required by the Government for Public Distribution System (PDS) and other welfare schemes every year;
- (b) the details of demand and allotment of wheat under PDS and other welfare schemes during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the quantum of wheat stock of last season in the central pool; and
- (d) the quantum and type of wheat alongwith the names of the countries from which it was imported by the Government for the said schemes during the last five years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 283 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03.09.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): The targeted number of families accepted by the Government for allocation of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), based on poverty estimates of Planning Commission for 1993-94 and population projection of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000, is 6.52 crores. The total number of families in the country in March 2000 was 18.04 crores. The TPDS being supplemental in nature and intended to cater to half of cereals requirement of each family, rice and wheat are being allocated to States and Union Territories for BPL and AAY families @ 35 kg per family per month. However, at this scale, the annual requirement of rice and wheat for 18.04 crores families would be about 76 million tons, which would be much in excess of the stocks in the Central Pool. Therefore, allocations for APL category families are being made depending upon availability of wheat and rice in the Central Pool by linking it with off take of previous years.

The anticipated requirement of wheat during the current year for TPDS and welfare schemes is about 14 million tons. Details of allocations and off take of wheat under the TPDS and other welfare schemes during the last 5 years are given in Annex I to IX.

(c): The stock position of wheat since 1.4.2006 is as under:

(in lakh tons)
Date Stock of wheat

1.4.06	20.09
1.7.06	82.07
1.10.06	64.12
1.1.07	54.28
1.4.07	47.00
1.7.07	129.27

(d): There was no import of wheat during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 on Government account. A quantity of 54.54 lakh MTs of wheat was imported during the year 2006-07. Only the wheat conforming to phytosanitary and other quality specifications is imported into the country. The country-wise details of the quantities are given below:

SL.No. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN QUANTITY (In lakh tons)

1	AUSTRALIA	14.28
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2	RUSSIA	16.71
3	CANADA	11.86
4	ARGENTINA	1.52
5	FRANCE	2.60
6	UKRAINE	1.72
7	BULGARIA	0.37
8	ROMANIA	0.67
9	HUNGARY	4.10
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	0.71

TOTAL 54.54

The details of quantity and countries from where wheat has been ordered to be imported during the year 2007-08 are as under:

SL.No.	COUNTRY	QUANTITY
		(In lakh tons)

1.	Canada	2.56
2.	Russia	1.25
3.	Any country#	1.30

Total 5.11

Actual country of origin will be known after arrival of imported wheat.