

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:101
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2010
LOW PROCUREMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether lower procurement of foodgrains by the Government agencies has resulted in grave food security crisis in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed responsibility for this negligence on the part of Government agencies in procurement;
- (d) if so, whether any inquiry has been ordered against officers responsible for negligence; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. There has been record procurement of wheat and rice in Rabi and Kharif Marketing Season 2007-08 and 2008-09. The stocks of wheat and rice in Central Pool are sufficient to meet the requirement of families under Targeted Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes of the Government at present levels of allocation. Procurement of wheat and rice in the last three years is given below:

(in lakh tonnes)

Marketing Year	Wheat	Rice
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2006-07	92.26	251.07
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2007-08	111.28	287.36
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2008-09	226.89	336.84
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2009-10	253.82	221.03#
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#As on 18.02.2010

A statement showing buffer norm and stock position since 1.4.2008 is at Annexure.

(c),(d)&(e): Do not arise.