

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

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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated production of rice and wheat during the current year;
- (b) the total quantity of the said commodities procured during the current year, year-wise and grain-wise;
- (c) whether the said quantity is adequate to meet the requirement in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details 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): As per Second Advanced Estimates of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation issued on 12.2.2010, estimated production of rice and wheat is as under:

In lakh tonnes
Rice

(Kharif Marketing Season 2009-10) Kharif 728.7
Rabi 146.9
875.6

Wheat

(Rabi Marketing Season 2010-11) 802.8

The production of rice in Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2008-09 was 991.8 lakh tonnes. Production of wheat in crop year 2008-09 (marketed in Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2009-10) was 806.8 lakh tonnes.

(b): 253.82 lakh tonnes of wheat was procured in RMS 2009-10 and 336.84 lakh tonnes of rice was procured during KMS 2008-09. In the current KMS 2009-10, a total of 221.03 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured as on 18.2.2010.

(c)&(d): Record procurement of wheat in RMS 2008-09 and 2009-10 and of rice in KMS 2007-08 and 2008-09 has improved the buffer stocks of wheat and rice in the country. With the estimated procurement of 260.00 lakh tonnes of rice in KMS 2009-10, the stock of rice would be sufficient to meet the requirement of Targeted Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes at the present level of allocations.