

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

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WHEAT AND RICE IN FCI GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of wheat and rice likely to be available in the godowns of various Government agencies in the North Eastern States, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government of Assam has requested the Union Government for additional allocation of wheat during the current year and for creation of additional storage space; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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): The State-wise details of total quantity of foodgrains (wheat, rice) in the North Eastern States available in the Central Pool is given in the Statement at Annexure.

(b)&(c): Requests have been received from time to time from the State/UT Governments, including Assam Government, for increase/restoration of the 2006-07 levels of allocation of foodgrains under TPDS. Assam Government was informed that their request for additional allocation of wheat at MSP will be considered. However, a request dated 03.07.2009 was received from the State Government of Assam for additional allocation of 25,000 tonnes of rice (not wheat) for flood relief, which was allocated to them at economic cost.

Apart from their normal monthly allocation of 34,248 tonnes of rice and 18,697 tonnes of wheat for APL families under TPDS, adhoc additional allocation of 8,857 tonnes of wheat and 4,428 tonnes of rice per month has been made to Assam at MSP based/derived prices for drought relief for APL families for the months of October, 2009 to March, 2010. To check inflationary trends in food economy a special allocation of 18,692 tonnes of wheat and 26,238 tonnes of rice per month has also been made to Assam for all categories of families at MSP for wheat and MSP derived price for rice for January and February, 2010

No request for creation of additional storage space has been received from the State Government of Assam during the current year.