

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

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

- (a) whether foodgrains have been exported from the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the total stock of foodgrains with the Food Corporation of India alongwith the quantum of foodgrains released and lifted for export during the said period; and
- (c) the details of release, offtake and price of foodgrains under the Public Distribution System during the said period?

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): There has been no export of foodgrains from Central Pool during the last three years. However, as per reports of the DGCI&S, Kolkata the following quantity of foodgrains was exported on private account.

(In lakh tons)

Sl.No. Commodities Quantity Year-wise

2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

1	Rice (basmati)	10.46	11.70	14.86
2	Rice (non-Basmati)	37.01	52.13	9.46
3	wheat	0.48	0.00	0.01

Food Corporation of India has not released any quantity of foodgrains for export purpose on Government account in the last three years.

The stock position of foodgrains in Central Pool as on 31.03.2007, 31.03.08 and 31.03.09 is as under:-

(In lakh MT)

Year Rice wheat

31.3.2007 98.24 37.14

31.3.2008 87.99 35.96

31.3.2009 134.12 66.27

(c): As per Annexure enclosed.