

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

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MOVEMENT OF FOODGRAIN STOCK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge quantity of foodgrains are stored in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Punjab on the eve of the Rabi harvest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan to move the said stock immediately out of Punjab to accommodate the new crop arrival;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reasons for not moving out the stocks so far?

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): Yes, Madam. The stock of foodgrains stored in the godowns of Food Corporation of India in Punjab as on 31.03.2010 is 60.33 lakh tonnes.

(c)&(d): To accommodate the new crop arrivals in Punjab, monthly evacuation plan for Punjab has been made. In the year 2009-10 a total of 155.51 lakh tonnes of wheat and rice was evacuated from Punjab as compared to 122.15 lakh tonnes in 2008-09 as given below:-

(Fig. in Lakh MT)
2008-09 2009-10

Wheat	68.19	94.36
Rice	53.96	61.15
Total	122.15	155.51

Further for the month of April, 2010, FCI has planned to move 14.2 lakh tonnes of foodgrains from Punjab.

(e): Does not arise.