

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

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

- (a) the total quantity of rice and wheat available with the Union Government as carry over stocks and the procurement made during the recent Rabi season, State-wise;
- (b) whether problems are being faced in moving out the old stocks for accommodating new stocks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the nature of problems being faced, Statewise; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

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 stock of rice in the central pool as on 01-07-2010 was 242.66 lakh tonnes against the buffer norm of 98 lakh tonnes and strategic reserve of 20 lakh tonnes. The stock of wheat in the central pool as on 01-07-2010 was 335.84 lakh tonnes against the buffer norm of 171 lakh tonnes and strategic reserve of 30 lakh tonnes.

The state-wise procurement of wheat in the current Rabi Marketing Season 2010-11 as on 20-07-10 is given below:-

State Procurement (in lakh tonnes)

Bihar 1.33

Gujarat 0.06

Haryana 63.35

Madhya Pradesh 35.38

Maharashtra 0.00

Punjab 102.05

Rajasthan 4.75

Uttar Pradesh 16.73

Uttarakhand 0.86

West Bengal 0.08

Total 225.09

Others 0.08

Grand Total 225.17

(b),(c) and (d): During the year 2009-10, 275.83 lakh MTs of wheat and rice was dispatched to various consuming regions from the procuring regions as against 225.16 lakh MTs dispatched during 2008-09. During 2010-11 (upto June, 2010), 69.39 lakh MTs of foodgrain has been dispatched as against 51.17 lakh MTs dispatched during the corresponding period of last year.

Average movement per month at present is ranging between 20.00 to 25.00 lakh MTs depending upon the vacant storage capacity, monthly off take, availability of rakes by the Railways etc. At present, storage capacity utilization is more than 90% and even up to more than 100% in some regions so it is expected that in the coming months also, movement would be in this range. Movement can be increased provided (a) Additional storage capacity is created; (b) Increase in the off take; and (c) Rakes availability for foodgrains by the Railways particularly in procuring regions like Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Orissa.

In order to optimize storage of Kharif rice, a total of 8,08,500 MT capacity has been allotted to CWC/SWCs under six year guarantee scheme of PEG-2008, out of which 68, 800 MT has already been taken over by FCI. The rest of the capacity is likely to be created during Kharif 2010-11.