

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

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DECLINE IN PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT

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

- (a) whether the procurement of wheat in the current year has dropped despite a record production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the production and procurement of wheat during each of the last three years and the current year State-wise;
- (c) the details of the States that made lower contribution to the central pool;
- (d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken to enhance procurement; and
- (e) the buffer norms and stocks of wheat likely to be held by the Government during the ensuing year?

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) & (c): The procurement of wheat in RMS 2010-11 as on 20-07-10 is 225.17 Lakh tones. The wheat procured during RMS 2009-10 was 253.82 lakh tonnes. The state-wise production and procurement of wheat during the last three years and the current year is at annexure-I.

(d): In order to enhance procurement of wheat in RMS 2010-11, MSP has been increased from Rs.1080 to Rs.1100 per quintal. Further, ban on wheat export and import of wheat on private account at zero duty has been extended. State Governments were requested to maximize the procurement of wheat by opening sufficient number of procurement centres and other necessary arrangements. Commission to Societies and Self-Help Group for RMS 2010-11 has been fixed at 2% MSP to maximize procurement from a small and marginal farmers.

(e): As against the buffer norms of 201 lakh tonnes including strategic reserve as on 01-07-10, the wheat stock available as on 01-07-10 is 335.84 lakh tones. The actual stock during the ensuing season depends on procurement, allocation & offtake under TPDS & OWS.