

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

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

- (a) the procurement and stock of foodgrains during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the current stocks are sufficient to meet the requirement under the Public Distribution System (PDS) and other Welfare schemes during the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to create a stock of pulses and edible oil in the central pool; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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): Statement showing state-wise procurement of wheat and rice by Food Corporation of India(FCI) and agencies of the State Government during last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I and II respectively.
- (b) and (c): Yes, Madam. At the present level of allocations, the existing stock of wheat and rice is sufficient to meet the requirement under the Public Distribution System (PDS) and other welfare schemes during the current year.
- (d) and (e): The commodities to be distributed through Fair Price Shop (FPS) outlets under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) are determined by the State Governments. Government of India allocates foodgrains at subsidized rates and has provided subsidy on imported edible oils & pulses to be made available at affordable prices. These are being distributed in some of the States through Fair Price Shop (FPS) outlets.