

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2696  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Governments have lifted only 30 per cent of the total allotment under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether lower offtake is due to shortage of storage space in the States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the

**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) 20.65 lakh tonnes of wheat and 12.66 lakh tonnes of rice have been allocated to States/Union Territories for distribution to retail consumers. As on 04.08.2010 lifting of wheat and rice has been 4.62 lakh tonnes and 6.53 lakh tonnes respectively. Thus, State Governments have been allocated a total of 33.31 lakh tonnes of foodgrains out of which lifting has been 11.15 lakh tonnes i.e.33.47 %.
- (b) Details of allocation and lifting of wheat and rice are at annexure- A & B respectively.
- (c) No, Madam, lower offtake is not due to shortage of storage space in the States.
- (d) Does not arise.