

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to release foodgrain stocks in the market in order to check rising prices of foodgrains in the country;
- (b) if so, the total quantity of foodgrains proposed to be released in the market;
- (c) the percentage of foodgrains proposed to be held as buffer stocks;
- (d) whether any assessment has been made regarding its likely impact on prices; and
- (e) if so, the details and outcome 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): Yes Madam.

(b): Government has released 12.94 lakh tonnes of rice and 21.35 lakh tonnes of wheat to State/UT Governments/NAFED/NCCF for distribution to retail consumers under Open Market Sales Scheme (Domestic) 2009-10. 20.81 Lakh tonnes of wheat has also been allocated for tender sale of wheat to bulk consumers. In addition to this 5 lakh tonnes of wheat has also been allocated for sale to small processors.

(c): There is no percentage prescribed for buffer norms of foodgrains. Details of Buffer stocks to be maintained by FCI from April 2005 are as under:-

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)  
Date   Rice   Wheat   Total

1st April	142.00	70.00	212.00
1st July	118.00	201.00	319.00
1st October	72.00	140.00	212.00
1st January	138.00	112.00	250.00

Buffer norms for wheat includes Strategic Reserve of 30 lakh tonnes from 1.7.2008 onwards Buffer norms for rice includes Strategic Reserve of 20 lakh tonnes from 1.1.2009 onwards.

(d): No, Madam

(e): Does not arise.