

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:300
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2010
PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated production of paddy, rice and wheat during the current year;
- (b) the total quantity of the said commodities procured during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the total stocks held by the Government during the said period;
- (c) whether the said quantity is adequate to meet the requirement in the country and to control the prices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b),(c) &(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 300 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): In their first advanced estimate released on 23.9.2010 for 2010-11 crops, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, has indicated the target for production of rice and wheat as 102 million tonnes and 82 million tonnes respectively, against the estimated production of rice and wheat of 89.13 million tonnes and 80.71 million tonnes for 2009-10. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has indicated an estimated production of 80.41 million tonnes of rice in Kharif Crop in 2010-11.

(b): Details of quantity of wheat and rice procured and stocks held in Central Pool during last three years, current year are given in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): The quantity procured by Government is adequate to meet Public Distribution System(PDS), other Welfare Scheme(OWS) requirements. Due to increase availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool, Government has even made adhoc additional allocation of 86.72 lakh tonnes of foodgrains to PDS beneficiaries under three different schemes so that space is created in godowns for storing grains procured during current season.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 300 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2010.

(A) Quantities of wheat and rice procured during the last three years and current year

(In lakh tons)

Rabi Marketing Season	Quantity of wheat procured	Kharif Season	Quantity of rice procured
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2007-08	111.28	2007-08	287.36
2008-09	226.89	2008-09	336.85
2009-10	253.82	2009-10	314.50
2010-11	225.25##	2010-11	108.30#

Position as on 30.7.10

As on 25.11.2010

(B) Stocks of wheat and rice held during the last three years and current year

(In lakh tonnes)

Stocks held as on Wheat Rice Total

1.4.2007 47.03 131.12 177.15

1.4.2008 58.03 138.35 196.38

1.4.2009 134.29 216.04 350.33

1.4.2010 161.25 267.13 428.38

1.10.2010 277.77 184.44 462.21