

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:92
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REQUIREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual requirement of rice and wheat for the Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes being implemented by the Government during the last three years;
- (b) the stock of rice and wheat in the Central Pool during the said period; and
- (c) the price, quantity and variety of rice and wheat imported by the Government for such schemes during the said period alongwith the amount spent thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The Government has allocated 438.23 lakh tons of rice and wheat in 2007-08, 429.17 lakh tons in 2008-09 and 518.14 lakh tons in 2009-10 for distribution by States/Union Territories under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes.

(b): The stock of foodgrains (rice & wheat) in the Central Pool during the above period have been as follows:

(in lakh tons)
AS ON STOCK POSITION DURING THE YEAR
2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

1st April	178.75	196.38	350.33
1st July	239.03	361.61	525.38
1stOctober	156.10	298.88	438.06
1st January	191.87	357.88	474.45

(c): During the last three years, rice has not been imported for the Central Pool stock by the Government. A quantity of 17.69 lakh MT of wheat has been imported for Central Pool stocks by the Government at a weighted average price of Rs. 14,755.32/- per ton during 2007-08. There was no import of wheat during 2008-09 and 2009-10 for the Central Pool.