

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

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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the targets for procurement of foodgrains during the year 2010-11;
- (b) if so, the details and the quantum thereof, grain-wise;
- (c) the details regarding economic cost of the foodgrains paid by Food Corporation of India (FCI) including the reimbursed cost and the food subsidy during 2010-11; and
- (d) the details of the bufferstock of various foodgrains in the Central Pool as on April, 2010?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Based on the initial estimates of likely procurement as given by Food Secretaries of rice procuring states, the likely procurement of rice for the crop year 2010-11 including Kharif and Rabi was estimated as 327.52 lakh tons. The total procurement of rice made as on 9.3.2011 for the crop year 2010-11 is 236.10 lakh tons. The rice procurement season is from 1st October to 30th September and the total procurement of rice during 2010-11 will be known on 1st October,2011. Based on the estimates of Food Secretaries of wheat procuring states, the initial estimates of likely procurement of wheat during the crop year 2010-11 is 262.75 lakh tons. The actual wheat procurement shall commence from 1st April,2011.

(c): As per Budget Estimates of Food Corporation of India(FCI) for 2011-12 economic cost of Rice and Wheat is Rs.20431.40 per ton and Rs.15439.30 per ton respectively. Total Food subsidy of Rs.59354.56 Crore(FCI-Rs.46154.56 Crore and DCP states - Rs.13200 Crore) has been allocated by Ministry of Finance in RE 2010-11 and released to procuring agencies.

(d): The details of the actual stock of wheat and rice in Central Pool as on 1.4.2010 vis-à-vis requirement of buffer norm and strategic reserve are as under:-

(In lakh tons)

Wheat		Rice	
Actual Stock	Buffer norm and strategic reserve	Actual Stock	Buffer norm and strategic reserve
161.25	70	267.13	142