

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:254
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009
WHEAT FOR PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual requirement of wheat for the Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes being implemented by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the stock of wheat in the Central Pool during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the quantum and variety of wheat imported by the Government for the schemes during the said period, country-wise?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.254 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2009 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Allocations of foodgrains to States / UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System are made @ 35 kg per family per month for BPL and AAY families based on 1993-94 poverty estimates of Planning Commission and March, 2000 population estimates of Registrar General of India or number of such ration cards actually issued, which ever is less. For APL category, allocations are made depending upon availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool and offtake levels in the past. Allocations of foodgrains under Mid Day Meal scheme (MDM) of Ministry of Human Resource Development and Integrated Child Development Services scheme (ICDS) and Nutritional Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG) of Ministry of Women and Child Development are issued as per requirement received from them. Requirement of wheat also depends upon the ratio of rice and wheat in the allocations. Details of allocations of wheat under TPDS and other welfare schemes during last three years and estimated requirement for the current year, State-wise, are at Annex.

(b): The stock position of wheat in the Central Pool since 1.1.2006 has been as under:

As on Wheat (lakh tons)

1.1.2006	61.88
1.4.2006	20.09
1.7.2006	82.07
1.10.2006	64.12
1.1.2007	54.28
1.4.2007	47.03
1.7.2007	129.26
1.10.2007	101.21
1.1.2008	77.12
1.4.2008	58.03
1.7.2008	249.12
1.10.2008	220.25
1.1.2009	182.12
1.4.2009	134.29
1.7.2009	329.22

(c) Details of wheat imported during 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given below. No wheat has been imported during 2008-09.

S.No. Countries of origin 2006-07 2007-08

1	Australia	14.28	0.05
2	Argentina	1.52	4.14
3	Brazil	-	0.95
4	Bulgaria	0.37	-
5	Canada	11.86	3.15
6	Czech Republic of Slovakia	0.71	-

7 France	2.60	-		
8 Hungry	4.10	-		
9 Romania	0.67	-		
10 Russia			16.71	9.40
11 Ukraine	1.72	-		
TOTAL	54.54	17.69		