

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:274

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

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) failed to achieve the targets fixed for procurement of foodgrains during 2010-11;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the targets fixed and achieved during the said period;
- (c) the estimated production and requirement of foodgrains in the country during 2011-12;
- (d) the details regarding bids received and accepted and quantum and price of foodgrains imported during the said period;
- (e) whether the Union Government has entered into a new agreement for import of foodgrains with some other countries to meet the shortfall in production/procurement of foodgrains during 2011-12;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other steps taken to ensure availability of foodgrains at reasonable rates during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Against the estimate of procurement of 262.75 lakh tonnes of wheat for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS 2011-12) (Crop Year 2010-11), 281.05 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured. Against the estimate of 327.52 lakh tonnes of rice in KMS 2010-11 (Crop Year 2010-11), 325.27 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured, as on 27.7.2011.

(c): The estimated production of wheat and rice vis-à-vis requirement for 2011-12 is as under:-

	Production	Requirement
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Wheat	75.61	77.36
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Rice	94.21	98.79
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(d): No wheat and rice has been imported for Central Pool since the year 2008-09.

(e) & (f): No, Madam.

(g): The following steps have been taken to ensure the availability of foodgrains:-

(i) MSP of wheat has been enhanced to Rs 1,120/- per quintal for RMS 2011-12. Govt. also declared bonus of Rs 50/- per quintal over and above the MSP for wheat.

(ii) MSP of paddy has also been increased to Rs 1,080 for Common paddy and to Rs 1,110/- for Grade 'A' paddy for KMS 2011-12.

(iii) Import of wheat on zero duty has been allowed till further orders.

(iv) Import of rice on zero duty has been allowed till 30.09.2011.

(v) Export of wheat and rice from Central pool have been banned.