

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

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LIFTING OF ADDITIONAL QUOTA  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large part of the total additional adhoc allocation of foodgrains to the States was not lifted by them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this has led to a crisis in storage;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has set up a task force to review the district-wise off-take of foodgrains and to review the storage management; and
- (f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government has made special adhoc additional allocation of 105.66 lakh tons of foodgrains to States and Union Territories (UTs) in May and September 2010 and in January 2011 under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). The offtake against these additional allocations is 50%. The lower offtake is mainly due to problems in absorption of the additional allocations by the States/UTs, additional subsidy being borne by some States, among others.

(c) & (d): The record procurement of rice and wheat during the last three years and the current year and the consequent surplus stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool have resulted in a storage gap. Government has formulated a scheme for construction of storage godowns through private entrepreneurs, Central and State Warehousing Corporations to augment storage capacity. Under the scheme, capacity of about 152.97 lakh MTs is to be created.

(e) & (f): Senior officers of the Department have been asked to review with the State Governments the district-wise offtake of foodgrains with a view to improve the overall offtake. During these reviews, issues that came up included placement of adequate stocks of foodgrains in some places, augmentation of adequate storage capacity in others, absorption capacity of the delivery mechanisms, among others.