

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

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to maintain a reserve stock of foodgrains throughout the year like China in order to meet any emergent situation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : The Government has a policy of maintaining minimum stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool under the buffer stock norms for foodgrains for each quarter of the year as under:

(in lakh tons)

	Rice	Wheat	Total
1st January	138.00	112.00	250.00
1st April	142.00	70.00	212.00
1st July	118.00	201.00	319.00
1st October	72.00	140.00	212.00

The above buffer norms include a food security reserve of 30 lakh tons of wheat and 20 lakh tons of rice.