

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

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

- (a) the details of the targets fixed for procurement of rice during the ensuing season, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any target regarding the quantum of foodgrains proposed to be moved out of the State of Punjab during the ensuing procurement season;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to achieve the said targets; and
- (d) the steps taken for safe storage of procured foodgrains in the States during the ensuing season?

Answer

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

- (a) : The State wise estimate of procurement of rice during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2011-12 is given at Annexure-I.
 - (b) & (c) : There is no target fixed for the quantum of foodgrains to be moved out of the state of Punjab. However it is a continuous endeavour to move foodgrains of more than 15 lakh tonnes every month from Punjab.
- The movement of foodgrains planned from Punjab during the last three months and current month is as under:

(Fig. in LMTs)

Month	Wheat	Rice	Total
Sept,11	8.28	8.70	16.98
Oct,11	7.00	8.33	15.33
Nov,11	8.50	7.50	16.00
Dec,11	10.00	6.50	16.50

The movement of foodgrains from any procuring region including Punjab is planned on monthly basis keeping in view the following aspects:

- i) Quantity available in surplus regions; ii) Quantity demanded by deficit regions; iii) Likely procurement; iv) Vacant storage capacity; v) Monthly allotment/off-take of foodgrains.
- (d) : The steps taken for safe storage of procured foodgrains in the States are given at Annexure-II.