

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

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

- (a) whether there are surplus stocks of foodgrains over and above the quantity required to ensure food security in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantity required, current stocks and the surplus stocks available; and
- (c) the manner in which these surplus stocks are proposed to be utilised?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Stock of foodgrains available in the Central Pool as on 1st March, 2012 is 54.43 million tons as against the buffer norms of 25 million tons for the quarter beginning 1st January, 2012, indicating surplus stock of 29.43 million tons of foodgrains. The procurement of rice and wheat during 2010-11 was 62.53 million tons and the expected procurement of rice and wheat during 2011-12 is 67.12 million tons as per existing production estimates for rice and wheat and the procurement trend.

As per the provisions of National Food Security Bill (NFSB), and using 2011 Census population, the requirement of foodgrains for Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) prescribed in the Bill is estimated at 60.74 million tons.

With the surplus stock of foodgrains available in the Central Pool and the expected procurement of 67.12 million tons of foodgrains during 2011-12, the estimated requirement of foodgrains under NFSB can be met.

(c): The Government has made an allocation of a quantity of 52.64 million tons of foodgrains under TPDS and OWS for 2012-13 for distribution through the Public Distribution System at subsidized prices.