

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5219  
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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) whether the slow movement of foodgrains from surplus States to foodgrain deficit States is marring the procurement potential of surplus States as well as necessitating much higher storage capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for slow movement of foodgrains;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any plan to meet the crisis unfolding due to slow movement of foodgrains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b): No, Madam. The overall movement of foodgrains has increased during the last three years as per the details given below:-

(In lakh tonnes)  
Period Ex-North Inter State Total

2009-10 189.35 275.83 303.69

2010-11 224.55 305.29 334.94

2011-12 208.50 327.77 367.94

There has been record procurement of wheat and rice during Rabi and Kharif marketing seasons (RMS & KMS) 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. Procurement of wheat and rice during the last 3 years is as follows:-

(In lakh tonnes)  
Marketing Wheat Rice  
Year

2009-10 253.82 320.34

2010-11 225.14 341.98

2011-12 283.35 311.09#

# As on 3.5.2012

During RMS 2012-13 it is estimated that 318 lakh tones of wheat will be procured for the Central Pool.

However, with the increase in procurement for Central Pool in States like Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh besides Punjab and Haryana, requirement of movement of foodgrains has also increased.

(c) & (d): additional allocation under PDS and OMSS are being considered by the Government to increase movement of foodgrains to

deficit states