

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

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STOCK OF FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) the present stock of foodgrains alongwith the estimated stocks in June 2012 as against the buffer norms during the said period;
- (b) whether various measures including sale through Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) are being adopted to liquidate the stocks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of foodgrains offered and sold alongwith their reserve price during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has also assessed the cost of liquidating the stocks for storage of fresh stocks; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The stock position of foodgrains (rice and wheat) in the Central Pool as on 1.5.2012 was 711.17 lakh tons comprising 329.23 lakh tons of rice and 381.94 lakh tons of wheat as against the buffer norms of 212 lakh tons comprising 142 lakh tons of rice and 70 lakh tons of wheat for the April quarter. Food Corporation of India (FCI) has estimated that the total stock of rice and wheat in the Central Pool to be more than 750 lakh tons as of 1st June, 2012.

(b) to (c): During the period from October, 2011 to September, 2012, Government allocated a quantity of 23.8 lakh tons of wheat and 9.115 lakh tons of rice under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to States/ Union Territories (UTs) for sale to retail and bulk consumers against which the lifting is 10.01 lakh tons and 0.11 lakh tons respectively upto March, 2012. Details of allocation and offtake under OMSS and their reserve prices for the last three years and the current year are at Annex.

(d) to (e): The cost of liquidating the stocks for storage of fresh stocks is the difference between economic cost and the Central issue price under PDS. Accordingly based on the Central issue price for BPL, AAY and APL allocations, the cost will be as follows:

(Rs./Qt1.)

	Rice	Wheat
BPL	1853.68/-	1407.50/-
AAY	2118.68/-	1622.50/-
APL	1588.68/-	1212.50/-