

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4104  
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PROCUREMENT OF RICE AND WHEAT  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantum of wheat and rice procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other Government agencies from various States during the first seven months of the current year along with the quantum of foodgrains still to be procured, Statewise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to give additional time to the States for procurement of the remaining foodgrains; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Procurement of wheat and rice takes place during the corresponding Marketing Season – i.e Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) (April- March) and Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) (October- September). The quantity of rice procured state-wise in the current KMS from 1st October to 14th December, 2012 is given at Annexure-I. The quantity of wheat procured, state-wise, during RMS 2012-13 is given at Annexure-II. Since the procurement of foodgrains is open ended, there is no upper limit on the amount to be procured. However, before the commencement of every marketing season, meetings are held with the Food Secretaries of the concerned States, and estimates of the total procurement is prepared. As per these estimates, 318 lakh tons of wheat was estimated to be procured during RMS 2012-13, against which 381.48 lakh tons of wheat has been procured. Against an estimate of 401.31 lakh tons of rice during KMS 2012-13, 138.62 lakh tons of rice has been procured upto 14.12.2012.

(b) & (c): Since the current KMS will continue upto September, 2013 the question of giving additional time to the States for procurement of rice does not arise, as of now. Procurement of wheat is concentrated in the first four months of the RMS and therefore the issue of extension is not relevant .