

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3671

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EXPORTS OF FOOD GRAINS

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

- (a) the quantum of foodgrains exported and the revenue earned there from during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the total food grain stocks in the Food Corporation of India godowns and the quantum allocated for exports during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) whether the foodgrains were released to exporters at a subsidised rate;
- (d) if so, the details of subsidy given along with the quantum of grains released during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the details of foodgrains released under the Public Distribution System along with the price thereof during the above period?

Answer

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

(a): There has been no export of foodgrains viz. wheat and non-basmati rice from the Central Pool Stocks of Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. However, during the year 2012-13 the Government has allowed export of 45 lakh tons of surplus wheat from Central Pool Stocks through the Central Public Sector Undertakings of Department of Commerce to be completed by 30.6.2013 through global tenders. As on 14.03.2013, a quantity of 25.3 lakh tons has been exported against the approved tendered quantity of 30.60 lakh tons. The weighted average price for the tenders approved so far is US\$ 314.01 per ton.

(b): The stock position of wheat and rice (including un-milled paddy in terms of rice) in the Central Pool during the last three years as on 1st April and the current year as on 01-03-2013 are as under:-

(Figures In lakh tons)

Year	Rice	Wheat	Total
01-04-2010	267.13	161.25	428.38
01-04-2011	288.20	153.64	441.84
01-04-2012	333.50	199.52	533.02
01-03-2013	357.69	271.03	628.72

The State-wise break-up of stock of wheat and rice (including un-milled paddy in terms of rice) in Central Pool during the above period are at Annex-I.

(c): No, Madam. Wheat is exported through an open tendering process, with a floor price fixed at US\$ 300 per ton.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The details of foodgrains allocated and offtake under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) during 2009-10 to 2012-13 and their prices are as under:-

Allocation and Offtake of foodgrains
(Figures In lakh tons)

Year	Wheat	Rice
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	Allocation	Offtake	Allocation	Offtake
2009-10	227.84	189.91	248.19	234.12
2010-11	214.49	188.79	260.98	248.41
2011-12	227.49	187.86	261.27	243.25
2012-13	195.18	166.09	225.25	212.18
(up to Jan. '13)				

Central Issue Price of Foodgrains

(Rs.per Quintal)

Commodity	APL	BPL	AAV
Rice(common)	795#	565	300
Rice(Grade `A`)	830	565	300
Wheat	610	415	200

Applicable only to J&K, H.P,N.E States, Sikkim & Uttaranchal. However, special adhoc allocation for TPDS families was also made @ Rs.845/- per rice