

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1376  
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STOCK OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total stock of essential commodities including foodgrains, sugar, edible oil in the country as on date, Statewise;
- (b) whether the stocks are adequate to meet the demand for Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes;
- (c) if not, the corrective action taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the buffer stock of these commodities is declining and there is an apprehension of shortage of these commodities in near future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken/being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): The stocks of foodgrains (wheat and rice) in the Central Pool as on 1.8.2013 was 696.14 lakh tons. Statewise stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool is at Annex. As per the monthly online returns submitted by the sugar mills, the stock of sugar with them as on 30.6.2013 is estimated to be around 143 lakh tons. However, the Statewise availability of sugar stocks is not maintained.

The stock of edible oil is not maintained in the Department.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): Question does not arise, in view of (b) above.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Question does not arise, in view of (d) above.