

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3875  
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FOODGRAIN STOCK  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total quantum of foodgrain stocks held by the Government during the last six months, grain-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to utilise these stocks to control prices in the market; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool on 1st of each month during the last six months are as under:-  
(in lakh tons)

Months	Rice	Wheat	Total
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1st September, 2013	205.73	383.60	589.33
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1st October, 2013	190.33	361.00	551.33
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1st November, 2013	168.54	340.99	509.53
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1st December, 2013	142.17	310.67	452.84
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1st January, 2014	146.98	280.47	427.45
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1st February, 2014	169.38	242.00	411.38
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(b) & (c) During the current year 2013-14, the Government has allocated 500 lakh tons of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and 50 lakh tons under Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). Further, 12.98 lakh tons of foodgrains has also been allocated to States/ Union Territories (UTs) for additional TPDS requirement, natural calamities, festivals etc.. The Government has also made allocation of 95 lakh tons of wheat for tender sale to bulk consumer and sale to small private traders and 5 lakh tons of wheat and 5 lakh tons of rice for sale to States/ UTs/ Cooperatives for distribution to retail consumer under Open Market Sales Schemes (OMSS (D)). The aforesaid allocations from Central Pool help to control prices in the market.

