

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1293  
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SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS  
Tripathi Shri Sharad

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to meet its procurement targets and ensure availability of foodgrains at reasonable price in view of likely shortage due to erratic rainfall recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. Government has fixed a target of 350.50 LMT for procurement of rice for ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2014-15 and a target of 300 LMT wheat has been fixed for ensuing Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2015-16.

The allocation of foodgrains after implementation of NFSA by all the states is estimated at 61.43 million tonnes, however, the average off take of foodgrains in Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) in last 3 years has been 53.99 million tonnes.

The stock of foodgrains available in Central Pool as on 01.01.2015 is as under:-

(Figs. In Million Tonnes)  
Wheat Rice Grand Total  
25.11 11.74 36.85

Since the targeted procurement is in excess of requirement and stock in central pool are much in excess of the prescribed buffer norms and strategic reserve, therefore, availability of foodgrains at reasonable price is ensured despite a shortage in rainfall.