

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

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RELEASE OF FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) whether the Government has received suggestions for releasing foodgrains from its godowns in the market to check the tendency of price rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto indicating the quantity of foodgrains likely to be released in the market during the current year; and
- (c) the percentage of foodgrains likely to be stored as strategic/buffer stock?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): A meeting was held in the Department on 20.3.2014 with Roller Flour Millers Associations and Food Corporation of India (FCI). Details of suggestions received are at Annexure. No decision regarding release of foodgrains under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) (OMSS-D) during 2014-15 has yet been taken.

(c): Details of buffer norms and strategic reserve norms in Central Pool stocks are as under-

(Quantity in Lakh tonnes)

As on	Buffer norms	Strategic Reserve	Grand Total
	Rice	Wheat	Total
1st April	122	40	162
1st July	98	171	269
1st October	52	110	162
1st January	118	82	200

Buffer & Strategic reserve norms are fixed quantity – wise for each quarter and are not in percentage terms.