

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

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

- (a) whether the Government agencies are holding surplus stock of foodgrains in excess of the buffer and strategic norms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the said stocks are proposed to be utilised and the steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1.3.2015 was 347.57 lakh tons against the minimum buffer norms of 214.10 lakh tons for January-March quarter, indicating surplus stock of 133.47 lakh tons.

(c): The stocks of foodgrains in excess of the buffer norms may be offloaded through open sale in the domestic market or through exports. During the current year, 100 lakh tons of wheat has been allocated under Open Market Sales Schemes (Domestic) and 3.27 lakh tons of wheat has been exported so far.