

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

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EXCESS STOCKS

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

- (a) whether excess procurement and stock of food- grains is putting a pressure on the storage facilities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to store the said foodgrains in hygienic condition;
- (c) whether the excess stock is affecting the cost of foodgrains held by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and if so the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to export a part of stock held by FCI to reduce surplus stocks and cut cost and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The total storage capacity with FCI and State agencies for storage of central pool stocks as on 01.04.2015 was 709.22 lakh MT. The total stock of foodgrains held in central pool as on 01.04.2015 was 343.15 lakh MT. The average stock of rice and wheat in the Central Pool during the last year 2014-15 was ranging from a peak of 622 lakh MT on 01.06.2014 to a low of 348 lakh MT on 01.03.2015. Thus, on the overall, there is sufficient capacity for stocking the Central Pool foodgrains.

(c): The stocking of foodgrains by FCI over and above buffer norms has cost in the form of carrying cost. The carrying cost of wheat comes to Rs 21.83 per qtl. per month and rice Rs 28.11 per qtl. per month.

(d): There is no decision to export any foodgrain from the stock held by FCI.