

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:524

ANSWERED ON:11.04.2017

Wheat Stock with FCI

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

- (a) the production of wheat projected for the year 2016-17 and the details of wheat stock with the Food Corporation of India (FCI);
- (b) whether the wheat stock with FCI has plummeted and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to procure wheat from farmers in any "active" mode and if so, the details thereof including the plan prepared in this regard and the time by which the procurement process is likely to be started;
- (d) whether any target has been fixed by the Government for procurement of wheat for the year 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof and the extent of increase from the earlier procurements; and
- (e) the manner in which the Government proposes to regulate the prices in the open market?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. \*524 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11.04.2017 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) & (b): The production of wheat projected for the year 2016-17 was 966.43 LMT. Procurement of wheat was 229.61 LMT in RMS 2016-17 due to pro active buying of wheat by private players at prices above the Minimum Support Price (MSP), mainly in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. The total wheat stock available in Central Pool with Food Corporation of India (FCI) & State agencies was 145.38 LMT and 85.73 LMT as on 01.04.2016 and 16.03.2017 respectively. The stock levels are above required stocking norms.

(c) & (d): An estimate of 330.00 LMT for procurement of wheat for RMS 2017-18 has been fixed, which is considerably more in comparison with the procurement of the earlier seasons namely 229.62 LMT in RMS 2016-17 and 280.88 LMT in RMS 2015-16. Procurement has already started for RMS 2017-18.

Preparation for procurement operation has been ensured in consultation with state governments. Department of Food and Public Distribution through FCI is monitoring procurement operations by the state governments. All necessary arrangements related to logistics and finance have been ensured.

(e): FCI sells surplus stock of wheat out of Central Pool in the open market through Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) (Domestic) from time to time to enhance supply and thereby moderate the open market prices.

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