

**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) the surplus stock of foodgrains available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI);
- (b) whether the FCI had offered to sell the surplus stock in the open market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of foodgrains offered and sold along with their reserved prices;
- (d) the reasons for low sale of such foodgrains; and
- (e) the steps taken to manage the available surplus stocks?

Answer

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

- (a): The stock of foodgrains available in the Central Pool as on 16.7.2014 was 593.06 lakh tons as against the buffer norms of 319 lakh tons for July-September quarter.
- (b) to (d): During the year 2013-14, Food Corporation of India (FCI) offered and sold a quantity of 60.67 lakh tons of wheat under Open Market Sale Scheme (D). The details of the reserve price of this quantity are at Annex.
- (e): Government has provisionally allocated a quantity of 587.97 lakh tons of foodgrains during the current year to the States/Union Territories (UTs) for Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)/ National Food Security Act (NFSA), Other Welfare Schemes (OWS), natural calamity, festivals, additional requirement of the States/UTs. This includes 50 lakh tons of rice specially allocated on 7.7.2014 for controlling the food inflation. In addition the Government has also allocated 100 lakh tons of wheat on 25.7.2014 for tender sale to bulk consumers/private traders through FCI during the current year.