

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:28
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2014
DECLINE IN PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of procurement of foodgrains made by various agencies during each of last two years and the current year, crop and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is a likelihood of decline in procurement of foodgrains during 2014-15 owing to drop in production, and if so, the details of estimations made in this regard and contingency plans drawn, if any, to overcome shortage of foodgrains, crop and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether adequate foodgrains stocks are available in the Central pool to meet the domestic requirement and contain prices;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the current stocks and estimated requirement of foodgrains during the ensuing year; and
- (e) if not, the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 28 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08.07.2014 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a): State/ UT - wise details of the procurement of foodgrains for the last two years and current year are at Annex- I.

(b) & (c): It is too early to have an assessment of production in 2014-15. There is no likelihood of significant drop in procurement as procurement generally ranges from 25% to 35% of overall production. There are adequate quantity of foodgrain stocks available in Central pool to meet the domestic requirement.

(d): As on 01.06.2014, 282.57 lakh tonnes of rice (including unmilled paddy equivalent to 76.2 lakh tonnes of rice) and 415.86 lakh tonnes of wheat was available in the central pool. Adding the expected procurement of rice in KMS 2014-15, there would be substantially higher level of stocks available in Central Pool with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to fully meet the requirement of foodgrains in 2014-15. Requirement of foodgrains for 2014-15 under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)/National Food Security Act (NFSA), other Welfare Schemes (OWS) and for making additional Allocations is 352.05 lakh tonnes of rice and 231.13 lakh tonnes of wheat only.

(e): Does not arise.