

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has adequate food stock to meet the crisis of increasing food prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has released additional amount of foodgrains through the Public Distribution System to meet the challenges of food inflation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures adopted by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 16.6.2014 was 617.19 lakh tons comprising of 208.73 lakh tons of rice and 408.46 lakh tons of wheat. The current level of foodgrains is adequate to meet the requirement of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) at the existing level of allocation.
- (c) to (e): During the current year 2014-15, Government has released an additional quantity of 16.45 lakh tons of foodgrains for Above Poverty Line (APL) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. Further, Government has also approved release of 50 lakh tons of rice for distribution to BPL and APL families. In addition 6.06 lakh tons have also been released for natural calamity, festivals etc. during the current year. Thus substantial additional allocation has been made during the current year, over and above normal TPDS allocation to ensure foodgrains at affordable prices to consumers.