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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:123 ANSWERED ON:08.07.2014 SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS Dubey Shri Nishikant

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

- (a) the present status of production and consumption of foodgrains in the country along with the measures taken to bridge the gap of any noticed therein;
- (b) whether the increasing population is adversely affecting the balance between demand and supply of foodgrains in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the increasing demand of foodgrains besides keeping its prices under control?

Answer

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

(a): Details of foodgrains production during last three years in the country are as under:-

Rice:

(in million tonnes) 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 Production 105.30 105.24 106.29

As per 3rd Advance estimate of Department of Agriculture.

Wheat:

(in million tonnes)
2011-12 2012-13 2013-14
Production 94.88 93.51 95.85

As per 3rd Advance estimate of Department of Agriculture.

Information regarding consumption of foodgrains is being collected.

- (b): No Madam.
- (c): Question does not arise.
- (d): Government is releasing foodgrains under Open Market Sale Scheme- Domestic (OMSS-D) to increase availability of foodgrains in the market. During 2013-14, 100 lakh tonnes of wheat and 5 lakh tonnes of rice was allocated for sale under OMSS-D. During 2014-15, in addition to regular allocations made under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) an additional allocation of 50 lakh tonnes of rice has been made for distribution under TPDS. Details of step taken to contain price of wheat and rice are at Annex-1