

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5730  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022

**BUFFER STOCK OF FOODGRAINS**

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise details of the quantity of buffer stock of foodgrains maintained by the Food Corporation of India from the year 2014 to 2022;
- (b) the year-wise quantity of foodgrains diverted from the buffer stock for ethanol production from the year 2014 to 2022; and
- (c) the district-wise details in Uttar Pradesh?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): The total stock of foodgrains held in Central Pool as on 1<sup>st</sup> April (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022) is as given below:

(Figures in Lakh MT)

As on	Wheat	Rice	Total
01.04.2014	178.34	202.78	381.12
01.04.2015	172.21	170.94	343.15
01.04.2016	145.38	221.61	366.99
01.04.2017	80.59	230.81	311.40
01.04.2018	132.31	248.73	381.04
01.04.2019	169.92	293.94	463.86
01.04.2020	247.00	322.39	569.39
01.04.2021	273.04	291.18	564.22
01.03.2022	234.00	295.75	529.75

The foodgrains stocking norms for the central pool (Buffer Norms) with effect from 22.01.2015 are as follows;-

(Figures in Lakh MT)

As on	Foodgrain Stocking Norms (Buffer Norms)		
	Wheat	Rice	Total
1st April	74.60	135.80	210.40
1st July	275.80	135.40	411.20
1st October	205.20	102.50	307.70
1st January	138.00	76.10	214.10

(b): There is no diversion of foodgrains from the buffer stock of foodgrain in the central pool. With a view to increasing production of fuel grade ethanol for blending with petrol, Government enables distilleries to produce ethanol from surplus rice available with FCI. For the period of December'2020-November'2021 i.e. Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2020-21, 81044 MT of FCI rice was allocated to distilleries @ Rs. 20/kg ex-FCI godown for production of ethanol out of which 49233 MT was lifted by distilleries for production of ethanol. In the current ESY 2021-22, 842849 MT of FCI rice has been allocated to distilleries @ Rs. 20/kg ex-FCI godown for production of ethanol out of which 71607 MT was lifted by distilleries till 27.03.2022.

(c): No allocation of rice so far has been done for ethanol production from foodgrains for UP region.

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