

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
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**QUESTION NO 27.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**BUFFER STOCK OF FOODGRAINS .**

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

- (a) the total buffer stock of foodgrains in the country till October, 2009;
- (b) the expected production of foodgrains in the current year;
- (c) the expected consumption of foodgrains in the current year; and
- (d) whether Government envisages the need to import foodgrains in the current year?

**ANSWER**

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(a):The stocks of foodgrains (rice and wheat) in the Central Pool as on 31.10.2009 were 216.21 lakh tons of rice and 268.88 lakh tons of wheat.

(b):The Targeted production of foodgrains during 2009-10, as per estimates of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is 239.10 million tons.

(c):As per the Report of the Planning Commission working group for the 11th Five year plan, the expected demand projections based on household consumption of foodgrains in the country during 2009-10 is 202.08 million tons including seed, feed and wastages requirements.

(d):Based on the present stocks of wheat and rice and estimates of rice procurement in KMS 2009-10, there may not be any need to import these foodgrains for the Central Pool for meeting current level of allocations under TPDS and other welfare schemes.