

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2018

PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT

1199. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the procurement of wheat has touched an all-time high of over 35 million tonnes this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is also planning to hire extra storage facilities to stock foodgrains before monsoon in North and Central India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): During Current Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2018-19, a quantity of 355.22 LMT of Wheat has been procured which is highest since RMS 2013-14.

State-wise details of procurement of wheat for Central Pool during RMS 2018-19 is available at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): On the basis of peak stock requirement during normal procurement season, the overall storage capacity required for central pool food grains in the country is about 650 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT). Against this, the total storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and the State Agencies (both owned and hired capacity), is 855.98 LMT as on 30.06.2018 comprising 724.74 LMT in covered godowns and 131.24 LMT in Cover and Plinth (CAP) storage. As such, there is sufficient capacity for storage of central pool foodgrains at the national level.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 27.07.2018 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

State-wise details of procurement of wheat for Central Pool during RMS 2018-19

Sl. No.	STATE/ UT	PROCUREMENT (IN LMT)
1	Punjab	126.91
2	Haryana	87.39
3	Uttar Pradesh	50.88
4	Madhya Pradesh	72.87
5	Bihar	0.25
6	Rajasthan	15.31
7	Uttrakhand	1.09
8	Gujarat	0.37
9	Himachal Pradesh	0.01
10	Chandigarh	0.14
TOTAL		355.22
