

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1997
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2023

STOCK OF WHEAT AND RICE

1997 SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

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

- (a) the stock of wheat and rice with Food Corporation of India (FCI) as on February 2023;
- (b) total quantity of wheat and rice produced during 2022- 23;
- (c) whether the wheat and rice stock is sufficient to meet the requirements of Public Distribution System (PDS) for the coming year; and
- (d) if not, whether Government has made any plan to procure wheat and rice to meet the emergency situation?

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

(a): The actual stock of wheat and rice in Central Pool as on 1st February, 2023 is given below:

(Figs. In Lakh Tons)

AS ON	wheat	rice	total
01.02.2023	154.44	169.63	324.07

(b): As per Second Advance estimates of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, total production of wheat and rice during 2022-23 is 1121.82 lakh tons and 1308.37 lakh tons respectively.

(c)&(d): Total stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 01.02.2023 is 324.07 LMT against the Foodgrain Stocking Norms (Buffer Norms) of 214.10 LMT, which is sufficient to meet the domestic requirement under TPDS and OWS.
