

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2777

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

BUFFER STOCK OF FOOD ITEMS

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(OIH)

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

- (a) the details of the quantum of storage of the buffer stock fixed by Government for various food items;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to set up an institution under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model to manage the proposed buffer stock of pulses and also to tackle the problem of food shortage and price hike of essential food items; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) : The quantum of stocks in respect of foodgrains and pulses are given below:

(i) The quantum of Foodgrains stocks held in Central Pool as against the norms of the Government are as under:

(in Lakh Metric Ton)

Sl. No.	Period	Buffer Norms	
		Rice	Wheat
1	1 st April 2022	135.80	74.60
2	1 st July 2022	135.40	275.80
3	1 st October 2022	102.50	205.20
4	1 st January 2023	76.10	138.00

(ii) The Pulse wise quantum of stocks with the Government as on 20.03.2023 are as under:

(in Lakh Metric Ton)

Pulse	Price Stabilization buffer	Stock under Price Support Scheme	Total Pulses Stock
1	2	3	4=2+3
Tur	2.54	0.01	2.55
Urad	0.58	0.02	0.60
Moong	0.98	4.27	5.25
Chana	5.18	12.18	17.36
Masur	0.95	0.00	0.95
Total	10.23	16.48	26.71

(b) & (c) The Central Government has no proposal to set up any institution under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to manage buffer stock of pulses. Pulses for the buffer are procured every year from the farmers/farmer associations, and the stocks are subsequently supplied to the States/UTs for welfare and nutrition schemes or disposed of through open market sale to cool down prices.
