

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2023

SHORTAGE OF RICE

2624 SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

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

- (a) whether there is any rice shortage in the country as the global demand for rice has increased suddenly and there is apprehension of a shortage of rice across the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the shortage of rice will affect the Public Distribution System (PDS) in the country?

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

(a) to (c): The total stock of Rice in central pool as on 01.07.2023 is 253.49 Lakh Metric Tons (LMT) against food grains stocking norms of 135.40 LMT for Rice which is adequate to meet domestic requirement under Targeted Public Distribution System and Other Welfare Schemes.
