

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2905  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025**

**ADEQUACY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE OF BUFFER STOCKS FOR NATIONAL  
FOOD SECURITY**

2905 **SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:**

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) the present buffer stock levels of wheat and rice held by the Food Corporation of India (FCI), vis-à-vis the prescribed norms under the buffer stocking policy as on date;
- (b) whether the current stock levels are sufficient to meet ongoing obligations under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), and for critical situations or emergencies such as droughts, floods, or price volatility;
- (c) the total budgetary allocation and actual expenditure on procurement, storage, and movement of foodgrains in the last three financial years; and
- (d) whether Government is exploring climate-resilient warehousing, predictive crop analytics, and decentralised buffer stocking mechanisms to strengthen long-term food security?

**A N S W E R**  
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**(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)**

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(a): The stock of foodgrains in the central Pool as on 12.08.2025 is 342.80 LMT of Wheat and 381.76 LMT of Rice against the foodgrains stocking norms of 275.80 LMT of Wheat and 135.40 LMT of Rice for the period of July 2025 – September 2025.

(b): Yes.

(c): The States & UTs are reimbursed the expenditure incurred on procurement and distribution of food grains, distributed under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). Funds are also released to FCI, as reimbursement of expenditure incurred on procurement, storage, movement of food grains from surplus states to deficit states and for expenditure incurred on carrying cost of buffer stocks. The details of food subsidy released to FCI and Decentralized Procurement (DCP) States during the last three years are as below:

(in Rs. Crore)

S. No.	Year	Funds allocated by Ministry of Finance under PMGKAY (FCI+DCP)	Funds released to FCI and DCP States under PMGKAY
1	2023-24	211912.00	211393.85
2	2024-25*	196999.60	199500.00
3	2025-26 (As on 11.08.2025)	203000.00	63088.80

\*during FY 2024-25, Rs. 2500 crore were allocated by the Ministry of Finance over and above Revised estimates (RE).

(d): The Government of India is actively implementing various measures to strengthen long-term food security. This includes real-time monitoring of food storage depots across India through "Depot Darpan" portal providing smart warehouse concept and facilitating climate-resilient infrastructure & storage solutions to minimize food wastage and quality loss. In addition, decentralized procurement schemes empower states to manage local buffer stocks. The Government has employed Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods to address various challenges in the agricultural sector to aid farmers.

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