

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 218  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2025

STOCK OF WHEAT IN THE COUNTRY

218 SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY:

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

- (a) the required minimum statutory buffer for wheat needed for PDS and reserve for Emergency;
- (b) the existing stock of wheat as of 31 October 2025;
- (c) the required minimum buffer of rice needed for PDS and reserve for emergency; and
- (d) the existing stock of rice as of 31 October 2025?

ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): The Stocking Norms of wheat for the central pool with effect from 22.01.2015 is as follows:

Fig. In lakh MT

As on	Operational Stock	Strategic Reserve	Total
1st April	44.60	30.00	74.60
1st July	245.80	30.00	275.80
1st October	175.20	30.00	205.20
1st January	108.00	30.00	138.00

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(b): The stock of wheat in the Central Pool as on 31.10.2025 (closing stock) was 307.27 lakh MT.

(c) : The Stocking Norms of rice for the central pool with effect from 22.01.2015 is as follows:

Fig. In lakh MT

As on	Operational Stock	Strategic Reserve	Total
1st April	115.80	20.00	135.80
1st July	115.40	20.00	135.40
1st October	82.50	20.00	102.50
1st January	56.10	20.00	76.10

(d): The stock of rice in the Central Pool as on 31.10.2025 (closing stock) was 335.91 lakh MT.

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