

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1964
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2026

PROSPECT OF FACING LARGE SURPLUS OF WHEAT AND RICE BY FCI

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

- (a) whether Government is facing the prospect of large surplus of Wheat and Rice stocks and it has reflected in the declining prices of these commodities;
- (b) if so, the details of the Wheat and Rice buffer stocks with the FCI; and
- (c) whether the surplus situation is because of the increase in the supply side and decreasing demand, the details thereof?

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(a) & (b): Total stock of foodgrain and Foodgrain stocking Norms in central pool as on 1st day of every quarter during the year are given below:

(Fig. in Lakh MT)

Stock of Wheat and Rice				Foodgrain Stocking Norms (Buffer Stocks)		
As on	Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total
1 st April, 2025	117.94	382.09	500.03	74.60	135.80	210.40
1 st July, 2025	358.78	377.83	736.61	275.80	135.40	411.20
1 st October, 2025	320.33	356.10	676.43	205.20	102.50	307.70
1 st January, 2026	274.63	309.38	584.01	138.00	76.10	214.10

Government of India monitors the daily prices of wheat and rice submitted by the 578 price monitoring centres across the country which are under the supervision of the respective State Civil Supply Departments. The all India daily price report of rice and wheat is given below:

Commodity	Daily Retail Prices (Rs./kg.)					
	Price As On	1 Week ago	1 Month ago	3 Months ago	6 Months ago	1 Year ago
	27-02-2026	20-02-2026	27-01-2026	27-11-2025	27-08-2025	27-02-2025
Rice	43.01	43.15	43.1	43.15	42.25	42.85
Wheat	35.00	35.31	35.06	35.11	34.02	35.47

(c): The procurement policy of Government of India is open-ended and a continuous process. Surplus stocks are increasing year after year because the procurement exceeds the allocation under NFSA/ OWS. Procurement of wheat and paddy(in terms of rice) and allocation under NFSA/ OWS during last three years are as under:

(Figs. in Lakh MTs)

Procurement of Wheat and Rice				Total Allocation of Wheat and Rice		
Years	Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total
2023-24	261.97	525.48	787.45	183.00	411.82	594.82
2024-25	266.05	555.31	821.36	198.40	403.92	602.32
2025-26	300.35	465.30*	765.65*	199.71	394.60	594.31

* Ongoing
