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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2174
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH November, 2016

BUFFER STOCK OF PULSES

2174. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the items of foodgrains preserved for buffer stock in the country along with their limits, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is planning/proposing to create a buffer stock of pulses in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of the funds earmarked for the said purpose during the last three years; and
- (e) the time by which the said buffer stocks are likely to be operational?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Government maintains foodgrains stocking norms (buffer norms) of rice and wheat for the Central Pool. The Actual stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as against the foodgrains stocking norms for Central Pool are as under-

STOCK POSITION OF WHEAT AND RICE IN THE CENTRAL POOL VIS
FOODGRAINS STOCKING NORMS(BUFFER NORMS)

(in lakh tons)

AS ON	W H E A T		R I C E		T O T A L	
	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms
1.1.2016	237.88	138.00	126.89	76.10	364.77	214.10
1.4.2016	145.38	74.60	221.61	135.80	366.99	210.40
1.7.2016	301.81	275.80	194.14	135.40	495.95	411.20
1.10.2016	213.28	205.20	144.74	102.50	358.02	307.70

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Government has also approved building a buffer stock of pulses up to 20 lakh tonnes through domestic procurement and import of 10 lakh tons each. The operational buffer of 6.38 lakh tonnes of pulses has been built through procurement and import contacts.

These norms are maintained for the Central Pool without any State-wise bifurcation. No allocation towards 'buffer stock' is made to any of the States. However, in order to ensure smooth supply of foodgrains, stocks are moved from surplus State to deficient States.

(d): Funds earmarked for the said purpose during the last three years are as under-

(in Rs Crores)

Commodity	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Pulses	50	660	1400
Foodgrains*	91995.35	112000.22	103334.61

* Food Subsidy allocation shown above is comprised of consumer subsidy and buffer subsidy.

(e): The buffer stock of foodgrains and pulses are already operational.
