LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH APRIL, 2017

BUFFER STOCK OF RICE AND WHEAT

6015.   SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

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

(a)   the quantum of buffer stock of rice and wheat maintained by the Government for public distribution;

(b)   whether the Government is considering to increase its quantum of buffer stock and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c)   the amount spent by the Government for maintenance of its stock during the last three years; and

(d)   the quantum of rice and wheat declared rotten from buffer stock during the last three years ?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Government of India has recently revised buffer norms of foodgrains (now defined as Foodgrains stocking norms for the Central Pool) w.e.f. 22.1.2015 keeping in view the requirement of foodgrains under National Food Security Act (NFSA). The foodgrain stocking norms for the Central Pool are revised as under:

(in million tons)

As on	Operational stocks		Strategic Reserve*		Total
	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	
1st April	11.58	4.46	2.00	3.00	21.04
1st July	11.54	24.58	2.00	3.00	41.12
1st Oct	8.25	17.52	2.00	3.00	30.77
1st Jan	5.61	10.80	2.00	3.00	21.41

* For the period November, 2016 to June, 2017, Strategic Reserve of rice and wheat was revised temporarily as 3.0 million tons and 2.0 million tons respectively.

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(c): amount spent by the Government for maintenance of its stock during the last three years are as under-

(in Rs Crores)

Commodity	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Foodgrains	2164.58	2376.60	2021.24

(d): The total quantum of foodgrains accrued as Non-Issuable (damaged) during the last three years is given below:

(in lakh tons)

Year	Non-Issuable (damaged)
2013-14	0.25
2014-15	0.19
2015-16	0.03

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