

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 800  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT

800. SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:

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

- (a) the reasons for the severe shortfall in the wheat procurement by various Government agencies despite increased wheat production in 2016-17 in comparison to 2015-16;
- (b) whether the Government has taken measures to address the shortfall in wheat procurement and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total requirement of wheat stock for domestic consumption and the total quantum of wheat consumed in the country during 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively;
- (d) the total wheat stock available (including imported wheat that was already contracted to arrive) in the country and the reasons for scrapping wheat import duty on December 8, 2016;
- (e) the total quantum of wheat imported by the country in 2016 during the period of March-August, September-November and December respectively along with the month-wise data on the percentage of duty applied on the export of wheat from the country in 2016-17 and 2015-16 respectively; and
- (f) the month-wise data on quantum of wheat exported from India in 2016 during the period of March-August, September- November and December?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
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(a): The procurement of wheat in Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2016-17 was 229.61 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) against procurement of 280.88 LMT in RMS 2015-16.

The foremost reason for shortfall in wheat procurement by various Government agencies despite increased wheat production in 2016-17 in comparison to 2015-16 is proactive buying of wheat by private players in the state of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

(b): Procurement in RMS 2016-17 was lower as compared to previous two years but the stock position of wheat was more than the buffer and strategic norms as given in the table below:-

(figs. In LMT)

Date	Stock Position of wheat	Buffer & Strategic Reserved Norms	Excess over norms
01.04.2016	145.38	74.60	70.78
01.07.2016	301.81	275.80	26.01
01.10.2016	213.28	205.20	8.08
01.01.2017	137.47	128.00	9.47

(c): The allotment and offtake of wheat under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)/ National Food Security Act (NFSA) and Other Welfare Scheme (OWS) during 2015-16 and 2016-17 (upto December'2016) are as under:-

(Fig. in LMT)

Year	Allotment	Offtake
2015-16	265.82	245.30
2016-17	270.96	189.01 (upto Dec'2016)

(d): The total wheat stock available in Central Pool is 137.47 LMT as on 01.01.2017 against stocking norms of 128.00 LMT. No wheat has been imported since 2008-09 on Government account. However, the quantum of wheat imported in 2016 is at Annexure.

The procurement of wheat in RMS 2016-17 was 229.61 LMT against procurement of 280.88 LMT in RMS 2015-16 & 280.23 LMT in RMS 2014-15. To make more wheat available in the Open Market in the country through import to contain the domestic price of wheat, GOI reduced the import duty from 25% to 10% vide notification dated 23.09.2016 and then further from 10% to 0% vide notification dated 08.12.2016.

(e) & (f): The total quantum of wheat imported and exported by the country in 2015 and 2016 month-wise is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d), (e) & (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 800 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017 IN LOK SABHA.

Month-wise Import of Wheat for the year 2016 & 2015

Month	2016	2015
	Quantity (in TON)	Quantity (in TON)
March	2750	4007
April	0.15	4106
May		7682
June		97078
July	50910	190531
August	209645	127203
September	252304	3076
October	261008	42516
November	554864	100
December	566152	29425
Total	1897633	505724

Month-wise Export of Wheat for the year 2016 & 2015

Month	2016	2015
	Quantity (in TON)	Quantity (in TON)
March	21814	22330
April	52212	96930
May	49516	103249
June	32073	89704
July	23600	93434
August	26977	72051
September	4855	88503
October	3808	19953
November	5603	18596
December	7545	27103
Total	228003	631853

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