

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5110
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2018

PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT

5110. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) the estimated wheat production for the year 2017-18 and the details of wheat stock with the Food Corporation of India;
- (b) whether wheat stock with the Food Corporation of India has decreased and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to procure wheat from farmers through any active agency, if so, the details thereof and the scheme formulated for this and the time by which procurement process will be started; and
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any target for the procurement of wheat during the 2017-18, if so, the details thereof and the increase in the procurement of wheat in the current year as compared to that of the last year?

A N S W E R

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

(a): The total production and stock of wheat in the country during 2017-18 is as under:

(Figure in Million tons)

Year	Production	Wheat Stock
2017-18	97.11*	15.15#

*2nd advance estimates

#Stock as on 1.03.2018

(b): No madam, The stock position of wheat during the last 2 years is as furnished below:

Wheat as on	Quantity (Million tons)
1 st March 2017	9.43
1 st March 2018	15.15

(c)&(d): The Central Government extends price support to paddy and wheat through the FCI and State Agencies across the country. The procurement policy is open ended. Under this policy, whatever foodgrains are offered by farmers, within the stipulated period & conforming to the specifications prescribed by Government of India, are purchased at Minimum Support Price (MSP) by the State Government agencies including Food Corporation of India (FCI) for Central Pool. However, if producer/farmer gets better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market i.e. to private trader/ anyone. The objective of foodgrains procurement by Government agencies is to ensure that farmers get remunerative prices for their produce and do not have to resort to distress sale. The statement showing Estimate and Procurement of wheat for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2017-18; Procurement Estimates of wheat & Procurement Period during RMS 2018-19 is at annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5110 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 27.3.2018 IN THE LOK SABHA

State-wise procurement ESTIMATE of Wheat during RMS 2017-18 AND RMS 2018-19 (in LMT)

State	RMS 2017-18		RMS 2018-19	
	Estimate	Procurement	Procurement Estimate	Procurement Period (Date to date)
Punjab	115.00	117.06	119.00	1 st April, 2018 to 31 st May, 2018
Haryana	75.00	74.32	74.00	1 st April, 2018 to 15 th May, 2018
Madhya Pradesh	85.00	67.25	67.00	16 th March, 2018 to 31 st May, 2018
Uttar Pradesh	30.00	36.99	40.00	1 st April, 2018 to 15 th June, 2018
Rajasthan	17.50	12.45	16.00	1 st April, 2018 to 15 th June, 2018 (Only for Kota district from 15 th March)
Bihar	5.00	-	2.00	1 st April, 2018 to 30 th June, 2018
Uttarakhand	1.50	0.02	1.00	1 st April, 2018 to 30 th June, 2018
Gujarat	0.50	0.07	0.50	15 th March, 2018 to 31 st May, 2018
Other States	0.50	-	0.50	15 th March, 2018 to 31 st May, 2018
Total	330.00	308.24	320.00	
