

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5946
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd APRIL 2018

QUANTITY OF WHEAT AND RICE STOCKS

5946. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

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 wheat and rice stocks in the country at present;
- (b) the quantum of wheat and rice required to be kept under food security as per the requirement in the country and the rules in this regard;
- (c) whether the quantum of wheat and rice stocks in the country is adequate; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

A N S W E R

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

(a) to (d): The stock position of Foodgrains (wheat and rice) in the Central Pool as on 1st March 2018 was 384.34 lakh tons comprising of 232.79 lakh tons of rice and 151.55 lakh tons of wheat.

The Stock position of wheat and rice in the central pool vis a vis foodgrains stocking norms is as given below;

(In Lakh tons)

As On	Wheat		Rice	
	Actual stock	Food grains stocking norms	Actual stock	Food grains stocking norms
01.04.2017	80.59	64.60	230.81	145.80
01.07.2017	322.75	275.80	210.44	135.40
01.10.2017	258.66	205.20	163.07	102.50
01.01.2018	195.62	138.00	162.06	76.10

In view of the above, the stock of wheat and rice in the Central Pool is adequate to meet the requirement of foodgrains under National Food Security Act(NFSA) and Other Welfare Schemes(OWS) at the existing level of allocation.