

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1094  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018

QUANTUM OF FOODGRAINS STORED

1094. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

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

- (a) the total quantum of foodgrains in storage under the Government during the last six months, foodgrain-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to use the stored foodgrains to control their prices in the market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

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

(a): The foodgrain-wise stock stored under Central Pool of the Government during the last six months is as given below:

(Figures in Lakh MT)

As on	Rice (including un-milled paddy in terms of rice )	Wheat	Total
01.01.2018	332.52	195.62	528.14
01.02.2018	339.63	175.47	515.10
01.03.2018	328.24	151.55	479.79
01.04.2018	300.43	132.31	432.74
01.05.2018	297.46	353.45	650.91
01.06.2018	295.46	437.55	733.01
01.07.2018	275.57	418.01	693.58

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Food Corporation of India (FCI) sells stocks of wheat and rice in excess of stocking norms and strategic reserve in Central Pool in the open market at pre-determined prices through Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) [OMSS(D)] to enhance the supply especially during the lean season and thereby moderate the open market prices especially in the deficit regions.

Quantum for sale of wheat under OMSS(D) in 2018-19 has been fixed as 100 LMT. For Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, reserve price for wheat for second, third and fourth quarters of Financial Year 2018-19 has been kept as Rs 1900, Rs 1925 and Rs 1950 per quintal respectively. For other states, railway freight ex-Ludhiana to the nearest railhead and road transportation cost from railhead to the depot, where sale is undertaken, will be added in the above reserve price. This reserve price includes loading and handling charges for all types of sales including dedicated movement.

Quantum of 20 LMT of Grade 'A' rice has also been kept for sale under OMSS(D) during 2018-19. Reserve Price of rice has been fixed as Rs 2500 per quintal for auction upto 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018, it will be taken as Rs 2500 per quintal or Minimum Support Price (MSP) derived price (MSP of Grade 'A' Paddy x 1.5), whichever is higher.

(d): Does not arise.

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