

Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3257
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2019

BUFFER STOCK OF VARIOUS FOOD ITEMS

3257. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

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

- (a) the details of the quantum of storage of the buffer stock fixed by the Government for various food items;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up an institution under PPP model to manage the proposed buffer stock of pulses and also to tackle the problem of food shortage and price spikes of essential food items; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

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

(a) : Government approved creation of a dynamic buffer of upto 20 lakh MT of pulses. Further, Foodgrain Stocking Norms for the Central Pool for rice and wheat are as under

(in lakh MT):

As on	Wheat	Rice
1.4.18	74.6	135.8
1.7.18	275.8	135.4
1.10.18	205.2	102.5
1.1.19	138	76.1

(b) & (c) : Government has approved engaging professional pulses buffer management entity for efficient management of the buffer stock. As of now, the buffer is managed by the designated agencies viz., FCI, NAFED, SFAC & MMTC, under the overall oversight of the Department and Price Stabilization Fund Management Committee (PSFMC).
