

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2668
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH JULY, 2019

AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS

2668. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, there had been 3.3 per cent annual increase in the availability of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether benefits of this increased availability of foodgrains have reached the common consumer; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the Government's reaction thereto?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a): Stock position of foodgrains and the percentage increase in availability of foodgrains (taking 1st April of each year as base date) during 2007-2012 is as under:

(Figs. in Lakh MTs)

Stock as on	Rice (Including Paddy in terms of Rice)	Wheat	Total	% of increase over previous year
01.04.2007	131.71	45.63	177.34	-
01.04.2008	138.35	58.03	196.38	10.73
01.04.2009	216.04	134.29	350.33	78.39
01.04.2010	267.13	161.25	428.38	22.27
01.04.2011	288.20	153.64	441.84	3.14
01.04.2012	333.50	199.52	533.02	20.63

It can be seen in the above table that there has been an annual increase of more than 3.3 percent in availability of foodgrains (taking 1st April of each year as base date) except for the year 2011, when the stock was increased by 3.14 percent against the preceding year.

(b): Details of allotment and offtake of foodgrains (wheat & rice) during 2007- 08 to 2011-12 is as under:

(figs. In Lakh MTs)

Year	ALLOTMENT			OFFTAKE		
	Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total
2007-08	137.79	306.87	444.66	122.47	252.13	374.60
2008-09	183.95	274.70	458.65	148.86	246.74	395.60
2009-10	313.84	306.23	620.07	223.87	276.41	500.28
2010-11	321.83	363.03	684.86	230.69	299.65	530.34
2011-12	324.77	384.20	708.97	242.68	320.54	563.22

It may be seen that the allotment and offtake had been steadily increasing from 2007-08 to 2011-12, thus indicating that the consumers have been benefitted under PDS.

(c): Does not arise in view of (b) above.
