

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.146
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2022**

STOCK OF RICE

146. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

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

- (a) whether India has enough surplus stocks of rice and can thus help countries facing acute food insecurity; and
- (b) if so, the details of the initiatives that are proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Stock position of Rice in the Central Pool as on 16.11.2022 is 140.16 LMT vis-a-vis stocking norms requirement of 102.50 LMT.

Government of India has emphasized on the need for maintaining food stocks to meet the domestic needs of the country. The emergent needs of developing countries are to be adhered through humanitarian aid under the framework of WTO, in case of surplus stocks.
