

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.578
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2023**

IMPORTS FROM RUSSIA

578. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

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 true that the Government is in talks with Russia to import Wheat to boost supplies and curb food inflation ahead of State and national polls next year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that stocks at Government warehouses were 20% below the 10 year average and if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) whether it is true that the Government proposes to import 8-9 million tonnes from Russia; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**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): No Sir.

(c): The details of stock position of wheat and rice in the central pool during last 10 years is annexed as Annexure-A

(d)&(e): No Sir.

ANNEXURE-A**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.578 FOR ANSWER ON 06.12.2023 IN THE LOK SABHA.****STOCK POSITION OF WHEAT AND RICE IN THE CENTRAL POOL VIS A VIS FOODGRAINS STOCKING NORMS**

(in lakh tons)

AS ON	WHEAT		RICE		TOTAL	
	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms
1.04.2014	178.34	70.00	202.78	142.00	381.12	212.00
1.04.2015	172.21	74.60	170.94	135.80	343.15	210.40
1.04.2016	145.38	74.60	221.61	135.80	366.99	210.40
1.04.2017	80.59	74.60	230.81	135.80	311.40	210.40
1.04.2018	132.31	74.60	248.73	135.80	381.04	210.40
1.04.2019	169.92	74.60	293.94	135.80	463.86	210.40
1.04.2020	247.00	74.60	322.39	135.80	569.39	210.40
1.04.2021	273.04	74.60	291.18	135.80	564.22	210.40
1.04.2022	189.90	74.60	323.22	135.80	513.12	210.40
1.04.2023	83.45	74.60	248.60	135.80	332.05	210.40

Note 1: Revised norms is w.e.f. 22.1.2015
