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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2396 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2019

FOODGRAINS IN STORAGE

2396. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपओक्ता मामले, खादय 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 MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a): Month-wise Stock of foodgrain (Rice, Wheat and Nutri-creals) in central pool as on 1st day of every month during the last six month are given below:

As on			(Fig. in Lakh MT)	
	Rice	Wheat	Nutri- cereals	Total
1 st June, 2019	275.81	465.60	1.46	742.87
1 st July, 2019	284.21	458.31	1.46	743.98
1 st August, 2019	275.30	435.88	1.47	712.65
1 st September, 2019	261.48	414.90	1.47	670.62
1 st October, 2019	249.16	393.16	1.11	643.43
1 st November, 2019	231.05	373.77	3.88	608.70

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(b): Government of India sold wheat and rice to bulk consumer/traders/ State Government from the central Pool at pre-determined prices in the open market from time to time through e-tender to enhance the supply especially during the lean season and in the deficit regions and thereby to moderate the open market prices. 100 lakh metric tons of wheat and 50 lakh metric tons of rice has been set as target for sale under OMSS(D) during 2019-20.

The details of wheat and rice issued under OMSS(D) during last three years and the current year (upto 20.11.2019) are as follow:

(Figs. in Lakh MTs)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Total
2016-17	45.67	1.78	47.45
2017-18	14.22	4.90	19.12
2018-19	81.84	8.46	90.30
2019-20			
(upto 20.11.2019)	8.99	6.06	15.05

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