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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.363
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

FOODGRAINS AND BUFFER STOCKS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that in spite of COVID-19, the growth of agriculture and allied activities has gone up, particularly between March, 2020, and August, 2020;
- (b) if so, the details of growth of agriculture and allied activities during the last six months, month-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is going to capitalize this and push it further and whether there is any impact on agricultural exports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of foodgrains stocks and buffer stocks in the country, State and commodity-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): As per the estimates of National Income released by Central Statistics Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the growth rate of Gross Value Added (GVA) of agriculture & allied sectors for Quarter 4 of 2019-20 (January-March) and Quarter I of 2020-21 (April – June) at constant (2011-12) prices are detailed below:

(in %)

Year/ Quarter	Growth rate of GVA of Agriculture & allied sectors at constant (2011-12) prices
Q4 (January to March) of 2019-20	5.9
Q4 (April – June) 2020-21	3.4

Source: CSO , MoSPI

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(c) & (d): As per the fourth advance estimates, total production of foodgrains was 296.65 million tonnes in 2019-20 as compared to 285.21 million tonnes during the agriculture year 2018-19 (final estimates).

Government of India is committed for the development of the agriculture sector and Ministry of Agriculture implements various schemes to increase production and productivity. Kharif sowing has also been high compared to last year because of the various steps taken by the Government of India. The Government had made efforts in procurement operations to facilitate the farmers in marketing the agriculture produce with better returns. This has facilitated the farmers for better investment in next crop production. The Government had purchased 203.68 lakh metric tonnes of Wheat, 83.08 lakh metric tonnes of Rice and 6.22 lakh metric tonnes of Pulses and Oilseeds during 2019-20. During the Rabi marketing season 2020-21, 342.60 lakh metric tonnes of wheat have been so far been procured. During COVID-19 pandemic, the Government paid special attention on procurement of Rabi crops, which has largely benefitted the farmers.

The trade policy has been amended from time to time for various agricultural commodities in response to domestic availability and price situation. As per the latest data available, during March-July 2020, value of exports of wheat has increased by about 9% over the same period last year, while exports of rice, spices and other major commodities have shown a downward trend.

A "Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for phytosanitary inspection and certification activities in wake of COVID-19 situation" was prepared and circulated to facilitate the export and import of agricultural commodities. To promote the agricultural export, another NSPM 23 (Guidelines for Phytosanitary Service Agency and Phytosanitary Service Provider for Inspection of Plants/ Plant Products & other Regulated Articles in Export) on outsourcing of inspection were finalized in June 2020.

(e): Government maintains foodgrains stocking norms (buffer stock) of rice and wheat for the Central Pool. The Actual stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as against the foodgrains stocking norms for Central Pool are as under-

(in lakh tons)

AS ON	W H E A T		R I C E		T O T A L	
	Actual stock	Food-grains Stocking norms	Actual stock	Food-grains Stocking norms	Actual stock	Food-grains Stocking norms
1.10.2019	393.16	205.20	249.16	102.50	642.32	307.70
1.01.2020	327.96	138.00	237.15	76.10	565.11	214.10
1.04.2020	247.00	74.60	322.39	135.80	569.39	210.40
1.07.2020	549.91	275.80	271.71	135.40	821.62	411.20

Source: Department of Food and Public Distribution

These norms are maintained for the Central Pool without any State-wise bifurcation. No allocation towards 'buffer stock' is made to any of the States. However, in order to ensure smooth supply of foodgrains, stocks are moved from surplus State to deficient States. The current stock position (State-wise) as on 01.09.2020 is at **Annexure-I**.

Apart from this, balance stock of pulses procured under Price Support Scheme (PSS) and under Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) as on 10.09.2020 is at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure referred in reply to part (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 363 due for answer on 15.9.2020

TOTAL STOCKS OF FOODGRAINS IN CENTRAL POOL AS ON 01.09.2020

(Figs. In Lac MT)

State / Zone	STOCK WITH FCI			STOCK WITH STATE AGENCIES			TOTAL CENTRAL POOL STOCK		
	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bihar	3.81	3.92	7.73	2.37	0.02	2.39	6.18	3.94	10.12
Jharkhand	2.72	0.23	2.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.72	0.23	2.95
Odisha	2.25	1.55	3.80	6.81	0.00	6.81	9.06	1.55	10.61
West Bengal	0.96	4.02	4.98	3.46	0.00	3.46	4.42	4.02	8.44
East Zonal Total	9.74	9.72	19.46	12.64	0.02	12.66	22.38	9.74	32.12
Assam	3.21	0.12	3.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.21	0.12	3.33
Arunachal Pradesh	0.17	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.17
Tripura	0.26	0.04	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.04	0.30
Mizoram	0.21	0.01	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.01	0.22
Meghalaya	0.17	0.01	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.01	0.18
Manipur	0.43	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.43
Nagaland	0.37	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.37
North East Zonal Total	4.82	0.18	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.82	0.18	5.00
Delhi	0.46	2.20	2.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.46	2.20	2.66
Haryana	16.18	40.23	56.41	0.00	61.05	61.05	16.18	101.28	117.46
Himachal Pradesh	0.25	0.46	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.46	0.71
J&K	1.40	0.57	1.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.40	0.57	1.97
Punjab	75.03	26.32	101.35	0.00	133.18	133.18	75.03	159.50	234.53
Rajasthan	0.22	16.29	16.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	16.29	16.51
Uttar Pradesh	10.80	24.36	35.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.80	24.36	35.16
Uttarakhand	0.86	0.44	1.30	0.36	0.03	0.39	1.22	0.47	1.69
North Zonal Total	105.20	110.87	216.07	0.36	194.26	194.62	105.56	305.13	410.69
Andhra Pradesh	7.27	0.15	7.42	16.96	0.00	16.96	24.23	0.15	24.38
Karnataka	7.32	0.38	7.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.32	0.38	7.70
Kerala	3.42	0.55	3.97	0.35	0.00	0.35	3.77	0.55	4.32
Tamil Nadu	11.81	0.53	12.34	0.33	0.00	0.33	12.14	0.53	12.67
Telangana	6.28	0.08	6.36	5.29	0.00	5.29	11.57	0.08	11.65
South Zonal Total	36.10	1.69	37.79	22.93	0.00	22.93	59.03	1.69	60.72
Gujarat	0.73	5.17	5.90	0.09	0.77	0.86	0.82	5.94	6.76
Maharashtra	5.52	10.17	15.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.52	10.17	15.69
Madhya Pradesh	0.26	3.14	3.40	3.84	138.44	142.28	4.10	141.58	145.68
Chhattisgarh	7.72	0.21	7.93	6.68	0.00	6.68	14.40	0.21	14.61
West Zonal Total	14.23	18.69	32.92	10.61	139.21	149.82	24.84	157.90	182.74
Total	170.09	141.15	311.24	46.54	333.49	380.03	216.63	474.64	691.27
*Wheat lying in mandies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.20
Stock in Transit	5.32	3.48	8.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.32	3.48	8.80
Total (All India)	175.41	144.63	320.04	46.54	333.69	380.23	221.95	478.32	700.27

* MP 0.20 LMT (FCI 0.00 LMT, State agency 0.20 LMT)

1. Transit figures are estimated.

2. Rice does not include unmilled paddy with FCI/State Agencies in terms of rice.

3. Total quantity of unmilled paddy with FCI and State Agencies = 109.47 LMT (FCI 0.31 LMT; State Agencies 109.16 LMT). CMR that could be derived taking out-turn ratio as 67% = 73.34 LMT.

Source: DFPD

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Balance stock of pulses procured under Price Support Scheme (PSS) and under Price
Stabilisation Fund (PSF) as on 10.09.2020

(Qty in MT)

Commodity	PSS	PSF	PSS + PSF	Presecrined buffer stock position
Moong	97,903	1,10,896	2,08,799	1,00,000
Urad	1,25,809	1,88,577	3,14,386	4,00,000
Toor	3,45,029	4,69,428	8,14,457	10,00,000
Gram *	16,94,436	94,666	17,89,102	3,00,000
Masoor	2,983	26,559	29,541	1,50,000
Pulses	22,66,160	8,90,126	31,56,286	19,50,000

Source: Cooperation Division, DAC&FW and Department of Consumer Affairs

* Excluding 12.06 LMT of PSS Gram stock is reserved for supply under PMGKAY
