

Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2483
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2021

STORAGE OF BUFFER STOCK

2483. SHRI B.N.BACHE GOWDA:

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

- (a) the details of the quantum of storage of buffer stock fixed by the Government for various food items;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up an institution under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to manage the proposed buffer stock of pulses and tackle the problem of food shortage due to crop loss in any year and also price spikes of essential food items; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री अश्विनी कुमार चौबे)

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) : The quantum of stocks in respect of foodgrains and pulses are given below:

Sl. No.	Item	Quantity (in Lakh Metric Ton)
	Foodgrains*	
1.	WHEAT	603.56
2.	RICE	296.89
	Pulses #	
3.	TUR	3.83
4.	URAD	0.70
5.	GRAM	15.84
6.	MASUR	0.32
7.	MOONG	2.02

* Stock positions as on 01.07.2021

Stock positions as on 27.07.2021

(b) & (c) : The Central Government has no proposal to set up any institution under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to manage buffer stock of pulses. Pulses for the buffer are procured every year from the farmers/farmer associations, and the stocks are subsequently supplied to the States/UTs for welfare and nutrition schemes or disposed of through open market sale to cool down prices.
