

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4477**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**MANAGEMENT OF BUFFER STOCK**

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

- (a) the limit of fixed storage for buffer stock by the Government for various food items;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up storages 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 resultant spike in the prices of essential food items;
- (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 RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
 CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
 (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) stores mainly Wheat and Rice. Buffer stocking norms for storage of wheat and rice (w.e.f. 22.01.2015) are as under:

(figure in LMT)

As on	Operational Stock			Strategic Reserve		Grand Total
	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	115.80	44.60	160.40	20.00	30.00	210.40
1 <sup>st</sup> July	115.40	245.80	361.20	20.00	30.00	411.20
1 <sup>st</sup> October	82.50	175.20	257.70	20.00	30.00	307.70
1 <sup>st</sup> January	56.10	108.00	164.10	20.00	30.00	214.10

**The following assumptions in recommending the quantum of buffer stock norms:**

**(i): Operational stocks: stocks required for month to month distribution to the intended beneficiaries, under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS), and**

**(ii): Strategic reserve: Government will be required only to maintain and renew the stocks unless foodgrains are drawn from it in case of crisis situation such as abnormal shortfall in production of foodgrains in the country or natural calamity. In such a case, procurement will be required to be higher in the following season to the extent of drawal from the strategic reserve.**

**(b) & (c): There is no proposal with FCI to setup storage in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode to manage the proposed buffer stock of pulses.**

**(d): Question does not arise.**

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