

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2747
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND AUGUST, 2022

LOW PRODUCTION OF RICE

2747. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether there is a state of less production of rice due to low rainfall in the beginning of the season;
- (b) if so, whether this shortage is not likely to affect the grain distribution schemes;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to prevent this;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there is any shortage in the wheat stock in central pool and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): For an agriculture year (July-June), the 1st advance estimates (kharif only) is released in the month of September. As per the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the Monsoon rainfall is 465.6 mm against the normal of 428.3 mm in the country, as whole, which is higher than Long Period Average by 9% of normal rainfall during the period of 01.06.2022 to 29.07.2022.

(e): There is no shortage in the wheat stock in central pool. As on 01.07.2022, the actual stock of wheat is 285.10 Lakh Metric Tons (LMT) against the Buffer norm of 275.80 LMT.