

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3135  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**BUFFER STOCK OF FOODGRAINS**

3135. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the quantity of buffer stock of foodgrains including wheat maintained by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) from the year 2000 to 2024, year-wise; and
- (b) the details of per capita availability of wheat from the year 2000 to 2024, year-wise?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
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- (a): The actual stock of wheat and rice in the Central Pool against foodgrain stocking norms from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2000 to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024 is annexed at **Annexure-I**.
- (b): Per capita net availability of wheat from the year 2000 to 2023 is annexed at **Annexure-II**.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3135 DUE ON 19.03.2025 IN THE LOK SABHA

<b>STOCK POSITION OF WHEAT AND RICE IN THE CENTRAL POOL VIS A VIS FOODGRAIN STOCKING NORMS</b>						
<b>( in lakh tons)</b>						
<b>AS ON</b>	<b>W H E A T</b>		<b>R I C E</b>		<b>T O T A L</b>	
	<b>Actual stock</b>	<b>Foodgrain Stocking norms</b>	<b>Actual stock</b>	<b>Foodgrain Stocking norms</b>	<b>Actual stock</b>	<b>Foodgrain Stocking norms</b>
01.04.2000	131.87	40.00	157.19	118.00	289.06	158.00
01.04.2001	215.04	40.00	231.91	118.00	446.95	158.00
01.04.2002	260.19	40.00	249.12	118.00	509.31	158.00
01.04.2003	156.45	40.00	171.57	118.00	328.02	158.00
01.04.2004	69.31	40.00	130.69	118.00	200.00	158.00
01.04.2005	40.66	40.00	133.41	118.00	174.07	158.00
01.04.2006	20.09	40.00	136.73	122.00	156.82	162.00
01.04.2007	45.63	40.00	131.71	122.00	177.34	162.00
01.04.2008	58.03	40.00	138.35	122.00	196.38	162.00
01.04.2009	134.29	40.00	216.04	122.00	350.33	162.00
01.04.2010	161.25	40.00	267.13	122.00	428.38	162.00
01.04.2011	153.64	70.00	288.20	142.00	441.84	212.00
01.04.2012	199.52	70.00	333.50	142.00	533.02	212.00
01.04.2013	242.07	70.00	354.68	142.00	596.75	212.00
01.04.2014	178.34	70.00	202.78	142.00	381.12	212.00
01.04.2015	172.21	74.60	170.94	135.80	343.15	210.40
01.04.2016	145.38	74.60	221.61	135.80	366.99	210.40
01.04.2017	80.59	64.60	230.81	145.80	311.40	210.40
01.04.2018	132.31	74.60	248.73	135.80	381.04	210.40
01.04.2019	169.92	74.60	288.29	135.80	458.21	210.40
01.04.2020	247.74	74.60	320.81	135.80	568.55	210.40
01.04.2021	273.04	74.60	291.18	135.80	564.22	210.40
01.04.2022	189.90	74.60	323.22	135.80	513.12	210.40
01.04.2023	83.45	74.60	248.60	135.80	332.05	210.40
01.04.2024	75.02	74.60	301.57	135.80	376.59	210.40

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## ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3135 DUE ON 19.03.2025 IN THE LOK SABHA

The details of the per capita net availability of Wheat from the year 2000 to 2023, year wise are as follow;-

<b>Year</b>	<b>Per capita Net Availability (Kg. per Year)</b>
2000	58.4
2001	49.6
2002	60.8
2003	65.8
2004	59.2
2005	56.3
2006	56.3
2007	57.6
2008	53.0
2009	56.5
2010	61.4
2011	59.7
2012	57.8
2013	66.8
2014	66.8
2015	61.3
2016	72.9
2017	66.7
2018	61.5
2019	65.0
2020	64.2
2021	67.0
2022	68.8
2023	74.1

## Notes:-

- (i) Net availability is estimated as: Gross production (-) seed, feed & wastage (-) exports (+) import (+/-) change in stocks.
- (ii) Net availability divided by the population estimates for a particular year indicate per capita availability in terms of kg/ year.
- (iii) Estimates of per capita net availability given above are not strictly representative of actual level of consumption in the country especially as they do not take into account any change in stocks in possession of traders, producers and consumers.
- (iv) The per capita net availability is calculated on financial year basis from 2022 onwards and is not comparable with the old series which was based on calendar year.

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