

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3628
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2015

PROBLEMS IN FOODGRAIN MANAGEMENT

3628. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

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

- (a) whether several States have refused to lift wheat stored in the bufferstock owing to its poor quality, if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether this has led to excess stock and storage of buffer stock in the open, if so, the details of the buffer stock lying in the open, State-wise;
- (c) whether difficulty is being faced in timely transportation of foodgrains to their respective destination owing to transport problems, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to tackle this problem; and
- (d) whether any rules have been formulated by the Food Corporation of India to regulate buffer stock of foodgrains in the country and if so, the details thereof ?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): No Madam, no State Government has refused to lift wheat stocks owing to its poor quality during last three years.

(b): No Madam, Availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool is dependent upon production and procurement of foodgrains besides off-take. The stock of foodgrains, surplus available over and above the Stocking Norms as on 01.07.2015 is as under:-

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(Figs. in lakh tons)

	Wheat	Rice	Total
Stocking Norms for 1 st July	275.80	135.40	411.20
Stock in Central Pool as on 01.07.2015	386.80	216.71	603.51
Excess stock	111.00	81.31	192.31

State-wise details of wheat stored in covered and plinth (CAP) storage is at Annex.

(c): Government plans movement of foodgrain from surplus regions to deficit regions every month in advance to meet the foodgrain requirement under various schemes and also to build up buffer stocks. The mode used for transportation of foodgrains is 90% by Rail. Sometimes problems like railway operational constraints, unforeseen circumstances due to law & order problems and natural calamities affect movement of foodgrains. However, with active cooperation and coordination amongst various stakeholders like Railways, continuous movement and induction of foodgrains to recipient regions is ensured.

(d): Govt. prescribe stocking norms for foodgrains in the Central Pool. The stock over and above the stocking norms is disposed off by the Govt. of India through adhoc additional allocations under PDS, sale under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) and export. A committee comprising of Secretaries of Department of F&PD, Department of Expenditure, Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Commerce has been constituted to make recommendations regarding quantity and price at which foodgrain stocks in central pool, over and above the stocking norms, are to be offloaded either through open sale in domestic market or through exports.

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3628 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th AUGUST, 2015 IN LOK SABHA.

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF WHEAT STORED IN COVERED AND PLINTH (CAP) STORAGE AS ON 1ST JULY, 2015.

(fig in tons)

Regions	CAP						Total		Grand Total
	Katcha			Pucca			FCI	St. Agencies	
	FCI	St. Agencies	Total	FCI	St. Agencies	Total			
Punjab	-	1,567	1,567	2,19,418	51,34,703	53,54,121	2,19,418	51,36,270	53,55,688
Delhi	-	-	-	251	-	251	251	-	251
Haryana	-	-	-	10,030	9,86,603	9,96,633	10,030	9,86,603	9,96,633
Uttar Pradesh	-	-	-	34,428	-	34,428	34,428	-	34,428
Rajasthan	-	-	-	1,54,631	-	1,54,631	1,54,631	-	1,54,631
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	-	16,228	-	16,228	16,228	-	16,228
Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-	724	-	724	724	-	724
Maharashtra	-	-	-	292	-	292	292	-	292
Grand Total	-	1,567	1,567	4,36,002	61,21,306	65,57,308	4,36,002	61,22,873	65,58,875
