

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3753  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2015

WHEAT STOCK

3753. SHRI JASVANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:  
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

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

- (a) whether procurement and stock of wheat have exceeded the estimates and the buffer norms due to record production in recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the production, procurement, buffer norms and actual stock of wheat during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reformulate its export policy for wheat in view of surplus stock, if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

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

(a) & (b): The procurement of wheat during Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2015-16 and RMS 2014-15 was 280.88 Lakh MT & 280.23 Lakh MT respectively which has been marginally less than the estimates of 300 Lakh MT & 310.00 Lakh MT respectively.

The stock position of wheat in the recent years has always been more than the required buffer norms for wheat.

The production and procurement of wheat during last three years and current year is as under :

(Fig. in LMT)

RMS	Production	Procurement
2012-13	949.41	381.48
2013-14	935.06	250.92
2014-15	958.49	280.23
2015-16	889.37*	280.88

\*As per 4<sup>th</sup> advance estimates of Ministry of Agriculture.

The stock position of wheat in the central pool vis-à-vis foodgrains stocking norms for the last three years is enclosed at Annexure.

(c): Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its decision dated 16.01.2015 approved that the stock of foodgrains in excess of the revised buffer norms might be offloaded through open sale in domestic market or through export. A committee was constituted consisting of Secretary, F&PD, Secretary, Expenditure and Secretary Consumer Affairs to recommend the quantity and the price for this purpose. However, at present, there is no such proposal for export of wheat or rice from Central Pool.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3753 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22.12.2015 IN THE LOK SABHA

The stock position of wheat in the central pool vis-à-vis foodgrains stocking norms is as under:-

Fig in LMT

AS ON	W H E A T	
	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms
1.4.2012	199.52	70
1.7.2012	498.08	201
1.10.2012	431.53	140
1.1.2013	343.83	112
1.4.2013	242.07	70
1.7.2013	423.97	201
1.10.2013	361.00	140
1.1.2014	280.47	112
1.4.2014	178.34	70
1.7.2014	398.01	201
1.10.2014	322.63	140
1.1.2015	251.13	138.00
1.4.2015	172.21	74.60
1.7.2015	386.80	275.80
1.10.2015	324.50	205.20

1. Note 1: Revised norms is w.e.f. 22.1.2015
2. Note 2: Foodgrains Stocking norms includes Strategic Reserve of 30 lakh tons of wheat

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