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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 397 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH APRIL, 2016

PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS

397. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

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

(a) the estimated production of paddy, rice and wheat separately during the current year;

(b) the quantity of these foodgrains procured and the overall stock during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the stock is sufficient to meet the requirements in the country and to check the prices of these foodgrains during the ensuing year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per 2nd Advance Estimates released by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, the estimated production of rice and wheat separately during the current year 1036.1 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) and 938.2 LMT respectively. No estimates for production of paddy is released.

(b): The quantity of these foodgrains procured during each of the last three years and the current year is as follows :-

(figures in Lakh Metric Ton (LMT))

Year	Procurement for rice	Year	Procurement for wheat
KMS	318.45	RMS	250.92
2013-14		2013-14	
KMS	320.40	RMS	280.23
2014-15		2014-15	
KMS	312.52*	RMS	280.88
2015-16		2015-16	
KMS		RMS	145.82*
2016-17		2016-17	

* Data reported as on 21.04.2016

The overall stock during each of the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The stock of foodgrains including wheat and rice in Central Pool is 366.99 LMT and the buffer norms to meet the demand of foodgrains is 210.40 lakh MT as on 1^{st} April, 2016.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 397 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.04.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA

AS ON	WH	IEAT	(in lakh tons) RICE TOTAL			(in lakh tons)
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	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms	Actual stock	Foodgrains Stocking norms
	343.83	112	322.21	138	666.04	250
1.1.2013						
1.4.2013	242.07	70	354.68	142	596.75	212
	423.97	201	315.08	118	739.05	319
1.7.2013 1.10.2013	361.00	140	190.33	72	551.33	212
1.1.2013	280.47	112	146.98	138	427.45	250
1.4.2014	178.34	70	202.78	142	381.12	212
1.7.2014	398.01	201	212.36	118	610.37	319
1.10.2014	322.63	140	154.22	72	476.85	212
1.1.2015	251.13	138.00	117.43	76.10	368.56	214.10
1.4.2015	172.21	74.60	170.94	135.80	343.15	210.40
1.7.2015	386.80	275.80	158.95	135.40	545.75	411.20
1.10.2015	324.50	205.20	125.78	102.50	450.28	307.70
1.1.2016	237.88	138.00	126.89	76.10	364.77	214.10
1.4.20106	145.38	74.60	221.61	135.80	366.99	210.40

STOCK POSITION OF WHEAT AND RICE IN THE CENTRAL POOL VIS A VIS FOODGRAINS STOCKING NORMS

Note 1: Revsied norms is w.e.f. 22.1.2015

Note 2: Foodgrains Stocking norms includes Strategic Reserve of 30 lakh tons of wheat and 20 lakh tons of rice