

(c) the details of procurement of wheat and rice during the current marketing seasons (Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) and [Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2012-13] are as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

Foodgrains	Procurement
Wheat	381.48
Rice*	133.93

*As on 12.12.2012, procurement in KMS 2012-13 is continuing.

(d) Government of India is making allocation of foodgrains (wheat and rice) under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for 6.52 crore BPL (including AAY) families and 11.52 crore APL families. In addition, additional allocations of foodgrains, over and above the normal TPDS allocation are also being made. The details of allocations of foodgrains during the current year is given below:—

(in lakh tonnes as on 12.12.2012)

Sl. No.	Categories	Total
1.	Normal TPDS allocation	499.42
2.	Additional BPL allocation	50.00
3.	Poorest district allocation	19.42
4.	Allocation for floods, festivals etc.	7.10
5.	OWS allocation	49.00
TOTAL:		624.94

Competency of BIS

2505. SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BISs) was found incompetent in formulation, printing and adoption of standards as well as was unable to perform

its monitoring and inspection role adequately, as per the CAG Report “Performance Audit of Autonomous Bodies”;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures the Ministry has taken to ensure that BIS performs its designated role efficiently;

(d) whether awareness of standardization and certification among consumers is low and are exposed to substandard products;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) if not, the details of standardization and certificate activities among consumers and achievements against the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has not received Final CAG Report on Performance Audit of BIS.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir, however BIS creates awareness among consumers through electronic and print media and by organizing consumer awareness programmes, hallmarking awareness programmes, seminars/workshops, publicity campaigns etc.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

(f) The target for Consumer Awareness Programmes, Seminars and Publicity Campaigns for 2012-13 is 155. Against the same BIS has organized 12 Consumer Awareness Programmes, 10 Hallmarking Awareness Programmes and 26 World Standards Day Seminars/Workshops upto November, 2012. In addition BIS has organized 14 Seminars on Standardization and 14 Publicity Campaigns.

Increase in prices of wheat

†2506. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of wheat have increased in the domestic open market in the country from April, 2012 to November, 2012;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.