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Sale of wheat, rice and pulses by FCI

‡1626. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMERS AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India (FCI) has sold wheat, rice and pulses in the open market during the financial year 2012-13 and 2013-14;

(b) if so, the grades of wheat, rice and pulses sold along with the details thereof;

(c) the grades of wheat, rice and pulses stored in the FCI godowns at present, quantity-wise; and

(d) whether FCI will sell wheat, rice and pulses in future also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) does not sell pulses. FCI sells wheat and rice pertaining to A, B, C and D categories of issuable grades and stocks of non-issuable grade in the open market. Information regarding grades of issuable and non issuable stocks is being collected.

(c) Grade-wise Central pool stock position is given in the Statement (*See* below). FCI does not deal with pulses.

(d) FCI has been allowed to sell 100 lakh tonnes of wheat and 5 lakh tonnes of rice under OMSS (D) during the current financial year for which the sale period has been set to be upto 31st March, 2013.

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Statement*(i) Issuable and Non-Issuable WHEAT as on 01.06.2013*

(Figs. in Lakh MT)

Zone	issuable				Non-issuable/damaged		
	A	B	C and D	Total	Stock with State Agencies	FCI	State Agencies
East	9.41	0.03	0.01	9.45	0	0.07526	0
NE.	0.55	0	0	0.55	0	0	0
North	91.82	0.03	0	91.85	233.98	0.00218	0.62398
South	10.03	0.26	0	10.29	0	0.00846	0
West	23.90	0.04	0.01	23.95	65.84	0.00360	0
TOTAL	135.71	0.36	0.02	136.09	299.82	0.08950	0.62398

Stock*(II) Issuable and Non-Issuable RICE as on 01.06.2013.*

Zone	Issuable					Non-issuable/Damaged			
	A	B	C and D	URS	Total	Stock With State Agencies	FCI	State Agencies	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
East	4.64	4.26	0.08	0	8.94	8.88	0.00465	0	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
N.E.	3.16	0	0	0.03	3.19	0	0.00364	0
North	104.51	0.06	0	8.35	112.92	0.63	0.00002	0
South	42.53	13.08	0	0.08	55.69	17.11	0.00380	0
West	9.74	2.26	0	0.03	12.03	8.51	0.00079	0
TOTAL	164.58	19.66	0.08	8.49	192.77	35.13	0.012920	0
Stock								

Rise in prices of sugar

‡1627. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that after decontrolling the price of sugar has been rising constantly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has chalked out any plan to check the price rise of sugar immediately after decontrolling it, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Sugar prices have been stable after decontrolling, since April, 2013.

(c) The sugar production during 2012-13 sugar season is estimated to be about 248 lakh tons as against domestic consumption requirement of about 230 lakh tons. Further, the customs duty on import of sugar has been kept at a moderate level of 15%. The sugar prices are currently stable in the domestic market.

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