

(SECC) under the Act. However, Few States have used SECC data for identification of eligible households.

Expenditure on subsidy involved in allocation of foodgrains under NFSA as well as existing TPDS is met out of budgetary allocation for food subsidy. During the year 2014-15, food subsidy of Rs. 1,13,171.2 crore was released.

Distribution of wheat and rice through PDS

707. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of rice and wheat produced in the country in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;
- (b) the quantities of these grains procured for PDS during these years; and
- (c) how much of the procured quantities were distributed through PDS during these years?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The quantity of rice and wheat produced and procured in the country in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15:

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Rice		Wheat	
	Produced	Procured	Produced	Procured
2012-13	1052.4	340.44	935.1	381.48
2013-14	1066.5	318.45	958.5	250.92
2014-15*	1048.0	321.65	889.4	280.23

* as per 4th Advance Estimates of Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.

The quantities of foodgrains procured are utilized for Public Distribution System (PDS) as well as Other Welfare Scheme (OWS). Excess foodgrains under Central Pool procured are being sold through Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS).

- (c) The details of allocation and off take of wheat and rice under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are given in the Statement.

Statement*Allocation and Offtake of Rice and Wheat made during
2012-13 TO 2014-15 under TPDS*

(in lakh tons)

Year	Allocation			Offtake		
	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total
2012-13	271.40	233.28	504.68	252.27	196.48	448.76
2013-14	268.49	232.53	501.02	245.15	200.11	445.26
2014-15	304.20	215.92	520.12	255.92	189.94	445.86

*Allocation and offtake of rice & wheat of special ad-hoc additional allocations made for
BPL families during 2012-13 To 2014-15 under TPDS*

(in lakh tons)

Year	Allocation			off take		
	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total
2012-13*	45.58	25.63	71.21	37.24	18.02	55.26
2013-14	30.92	19.07	0.05	11.80	3.58	15.39
2014-15	27.81	2.04	29.85	19.75	1.71	21.47

*Additional allocation for 2012-13 also includes additional allocation of 14,79,235 tons of rice and 6,42,002 tons of wheat made for the poorest/backward districts across the country.

Establishment of irradiation plants

708. DR. CHANDAN MITRA : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating using large scale nuclear irradiation technology for increasing the shelf life of fruits and vegetables, if so, the details thereof, and

(b) the steps taken by Government for establishing irradiation plants for the purpose alongside warehouses of Central Warehousing Corporation and Food Corporation of India, especially those situated around metro cities for the benefit of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Government has already issued generic approval *vide* notification no. G.S.R. 158 dated 26th June, 2012 [Atomic Energy (Radiation Processing of Food and Allied Products) Rule, 2012] for irradiation of food and allied products including fruits and vegetables. Irradiation technology has been established