

Procurement of wheat by FCI

1414. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production of wheat in the years 2014 and 2015, and the estimated production in 2016;

(b) the quantity of wheat procured by FCI at Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the quantum of buffer stock available; and

(c) the quantity of wheat exported in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 and the value in US dollars of wheat exports of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) The production of wheat in the years 2014 and 2015, and the estimated production in 2016 is as under:-

RMS (Rabi Marketing Season)	Production (in LMT)
2014-15	958.5
2015-16	865.3
2016-17*	940.4

* As reported by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare as per 3rd Advance Estimates of 2015-16 (crop year) dated 09.05.2016.

(b) The quantity of wheat procured by FCI along with State Government agencies at Minimum Support Price (MSP) during last three years and current year is as under:

RMS	Wheat (in LMT)
2013-14	250.92
2014-15	280.23
2015-16	280.88
2016-17	229.30

The stock of wheat in Central Pool as on 01.07.2016 is 301.81 lakh MT against the stocking norms of 275.80 lakh MT.

(c) The quantity of wheat exported in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 and the value in US dollars of wheat exports of India is as under:

Year	Quantity (in MTs)	Val. (in Million US \$)
2013	6426589	1886.7
2014	4098202	1156.5
2015	748597	191.1

Import of Tur dal from Mozambique

1415. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has offered to buy Tur dal from Mozambique for the next five years at the support price plus additional transportation cost;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the Mozambique Government, if it can supply Tur dal for the next five years on a Government-to-Government basis; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is yet to receive a response from the Mozambique Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mozambique for import of pulses on Government-to-Government (G2G) basis. The MOU aims at promoting the production of Pigeon Peas/Tur and other pulses in Mozambique through active cooperation between the two countries by encouraging progressive increase in the trading of these pulses, with the objective of doubling the trade in pulses in five years.

Online procurement system in FCI

1416. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI has decided to follow an online system, equipped with detailed information about farmers getting Minimum Support Price (MSP) for rice;

(b) if so, whether FCI would be able to track timely payment of MSP to farmers, thus bringing in transparency in grain procurement mechanism;