

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2326
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2022

SHORTAGE OF WHEAT STOCK

2326 SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the stock of wheat with Food Corporation of India (FCI) as of July, 2020, July, 2021 and July 2022 along with the quantity of wheat procured between 2021-22, State-wise;
- (b) whether wheat stock is set to fall to its lowest level since 2016-17, if so, reasons therefor and the steps taken to increase wheat stock;
- (c) whether wheat stock is sufficient for distribution under PDS and for emergency situation;
- (d) whether Government is planning to replace wheat with rice provided under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY); and
- (e) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): The Stock of wheat with the FCI as on 01.07.2020, 01.07.2021 and 01.07.2022 are as under:

(Figures in LMT)

| As on | Wheat |
|------------|--------|
| 01.07.2020 | 549.91 |
| 01.07.2021 | 603.56 |
| 01.07.2022 | 285.10 |

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The State-wise quantity of wheat procured during Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2021-22 and RMS 2022-23 are as under:

(Fig in LMT)

| SL No | STATES/ UTs | RMS 2021-22 | RMS 2022-23 |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Punjab | 132.22 | 96.47 |
| 2 | Haryana | 84.93 | 41.86 |
| 3 | Uttar Pradesh | 56.41 | 3.36 |
| 4 | Madhya Pradesh | 128.16 | 46.04 |
| 5 | Bihar | 4.56 | 0.03 |
| 6 | Rajasthan | 23.40 | 0.10 |
| 7 | Uttarakhand | 1.44 | 0.02 |
| 8 | Chandigarh | 0.17 | 0.03 |
| 9 | Delhi | 0.06 | 0.00 |
| 10 | Gujarat | 1.71 | 0.00 |
| 11 | Maharashtra | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 0.13 | 0.03 |
| 13 | Jammu & Kashmir | 0.24 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | | 433.44 | 187.94 |

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(b) and (c): The Central Pool stock of wheat as on 1st of July 2022 is well above the stocking norms. As on 1st of July, 2022, FCI and State Government agencies have 285.10 LMT of wheat stock under Central Pool against the stocking norms of 275. 80 LMT. It is expected that even after meeting out the requirement of PMGKAY (upto Sept.2022) and PDS, the projected wheat stock as on 01.04.2023 would be 134 LMT against the stocking norms of 74.6 LMT.

The total stock of Wheat held in Central Pool since 2016 is as given below:

(Fig in LMT)

| Sl. no. | Stock as on | Wheat |
|---------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. | 1 st April 2016 | 145.38 |
| 2. | 1 st April 2017 | 80.59 |
| 3. | 1 st April 2018 | 132.31 |
| 4. | 1 st April 2019 | 169.92 |
| 5. | 1 st April 2020 | 247.00 |
| 6. | 1 st April 2021 | 273.04 |
| 7. | 1 st April 2022 | 189.90 |
| 8. | 1 st July 2022 | 285.10 |

(d) & (e): In order to ensure management of foodgrain stocks as per norms, to position rice stock for distribution of fortified rice, to ease the pressure on the logistics and in consultation with States/UTs, under PMGKAY (VI) allocation of rice and wheat for 11 States/UTs has been revised for May to September, 2022, in favour of rice while maintaining the total allocation made initially in March, 2022
