

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6819
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RICE STOCK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rice stock is fast depleting and wheat quantum has been cut by a massive five million tonnes;
- (b) if so, whether to ensure sufficient stocks, the Government propose to put quantitative restrictions on foodgrains exports or alternatively increasing ex-granary prices as a part of new grain export policy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) to what extent this step of the Government is likely to help in global grain trade and prevent any major decline of Government grain stock?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S L MAHARIA)

- (a): The stock of rice and wheat in Central Pool as 1.4.2003, was 171.57 lakh tonnes and 156.45 respectively which is above the prescribed buffer norms.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c)&(d): Do not arise.