

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

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BUFFER STOCKING POLICY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current norms for buffer stocking of foodgrains in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has adopted a new buffer stocking policy for the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the increase in buffer stocking norms?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): The buffer stocking norms for the Ninth Five Year Plan period were as under:

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

	Rice	Wheat	Total
1st April	118	40	158
1st July	100	143	243
1st October	65	116	181
1st January	84	84	168

The above norms were validated after the expiry of 9th Plan period till finalization of new norms

The revised buffer norms for the remaining period of 10th Five Year Plan period have been finalized by the Government based on the realistic requirement of foodgrains under the existing and new Schemes. The new norms have been adopted by the Government with effect from April, 2005 and are given as under:

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

	Rice	Wheat	Total
1st April	122	40	162
1st July	98	171	269
1st October	52	110	162
1st January	118	82	200