

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

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IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production and stock of wheat and rice in the country during each of the last two years and the current year;
- (b) the quantum of wheat and rice exported/imported by the Government during the said period;
- (c) whether the said foodgrains were imported despite surplus availability during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any plan to increase export of surplus wheat and rice in the ensuing years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) The total production of wheat and rice during last two years and targets for current year are as under:-

(i) Production:-

(In lakh tons)
year wheat Rice

2008-09 806.8 991.8

2009-10 807.1# 891.3#

2010-11 820.0 1020.0

4th Advance estimates as on 23.9.2010

(ii) Central Pool Stocks of wheat and rice have been as under :-

(In lakh tons)

Date wheat Rice

1.4.2008 58.03 138.35

1.4.2009 134.29 216.04

1.4.2010 161.25 267.13

1.11.2010 255.58 231.73

(b), (c) & (d) Export of wheat and rice has been banned from 9.2.2007 and 1.4.2008 respectively. However exports of following quantities of wheat from Central Pool have been allowed as humanitarian aid on diplomatic basis :-

Year Name of the country Quantity (In tons)

2008-09 Afghanistan 6,00,000

2009-10 Nepal 50,000

2010-11 Bangladesh 2,00,000

During 2010-11, Government has allowed export of 3 lakh tons of Parboiled non-basmati rice to Bangladesh from Central Pool.

There has been no import of rice and wheat on Government account during last two years and current year.

(e) & (f): For the present the ban on exports of wheat and rice continues.