

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Date : 22nd January, 2015

Office Memorandum

Subject: Revision of Buffer Norms of foodgrains in the Central Pool – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Cabinet Secretariat's communication No. CCEA/01/2015(i) dated 19.01.2015 conveying the CCEA's decision dated 16.01.2015 on the above subject. In pursuance of the above decision of CCEA, the buffer norms of foodgrains for the Central Pool are revised as under:

(in million tons)

As on	Operational stocks		Strategic Reserve		Total
	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	
1 st April	11.58	4.46	2.00	3.00	21.04
1 st July	11.54	24.58	2.00	3.00	41.12
1 st Oct	8.25	17.52	2.00	3.00	30.77
1 st Jan	5.61	10.80	2.00	3.00	21.41

2. It has also been decided that the stocks of foodgrains in excess of the revised buffer norms, may be offloaded through open sale in the domestic market or through exports. A committee consisting of Secretary, Department of Food & PD, Secretary (Expenditure) and Secretary, Consumer Affairs will make recommendations on the quantity and the price. The recommendations of the committee will be placed for approval to the Finance Minister with the concurrence of the Minister of Food & PD. This will also apply to the earlier decision of the CCEA held on 24.07.2014 regarding allocation of wheat under Open Market Sale Scheme-Domestic.



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4. The Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, North Block, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary, Department of Commerce, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
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10. PS to Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, DFPD
11. JS (Policy & FCI)/JS (BP,PD)/JS (Impex)
12. Cabinet Secretariat (Kind Attn.: Shri S.G.P. Verghese, Director), Rashtrapati Bhawan.
13. NIC with the request for uploading the same on the website of the Department.