

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1009
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WHEAT AT REDUCED RATES
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

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

- (a) whether the Government have made announcement to the effect on making available wheat at the reduced rates for the Above Poverty Line cardholders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have fixed different rates for various States; and
- (d) if so, the reason for this disparity?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): The Central Issue Prices (CIPs.) of wheat for the Above Poverty Line families have been fixed at 100 percent of the economic cost, or the open market sale price decided for each Zone by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) from time to time, whichever is lower. The difference in such rates is due to the difference in economic cost of wheat in various Zones, which also takes into account the freight charges from producing States to consuming States.