

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

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EXPORT OF WHEAT

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

- (a) whether India`s wheat exports have touched 1.6 million tonnes in the year upto March, 2001;
- (b) if so, the countries who have purchased this wheat;
- (c) the total foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (d) whether in view of the great response, India has decided to export additional quantity of wheat; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard with price, quantity and countries?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Wheat has been exported to Bangladesh, Malaysia, Philippines, UAE, Yemen, South Korea, Myanmar, Indonesia, Sudan, Vietnam and Oman.

(c) The total foreign exchange earned was US\$ 165,129,470 (approx.).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In addition to the ceiling of 20 lakh MTs fixed for the year 2000-2001, Government has decided to export 50 lakh MTs of wheat from the surplus stocks available with it during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 each. Exports for the period 1.4.2001 upto 31.5.2001, will be @ Rs.4,300/- per MT. All parties will be allowed to lift wheat from the Central Pool for the purpose of export after 31.5.2001. The process of open tendering will determine the price at which the FCI will make available wheat to exporters. The tenders will be invited by FCI. Wheat will be exported to the international market.