

**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 export of wheat has been made during last three years;
- (b) if so, quantum of export, country-wise and year-wise alongwith price in each case;
- (c) whether the Government propose to make available export quality wheat to some States and Union Territories at export price in case when such requests are received; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) Information in this respect is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c)&(d): The Government is already providing wheat at Rs. 4150/- per MT (same price forexport till 31.3.2001, which has since been enhanced to Rs. 4300/- per MT since April 2001) to BPL population of this country. The Government has also decided to give foodgrains at BPL rates for

(i) welfare institutions catering to the needs of destitute men, women and children at the rate of 5 kg per head per month and

(ii) for all welfare schemes of Government of India including `Food for Work` Programme. The Antyodaya Anna Yojana has also been launched which provides wheat to the poorest of the poor families at Rs.2/- per kg.