

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4861
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EXPORT OF WHEAT
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

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

- (a) whether the Union Government's decision to reduce the price of wheat supplied to exporters has slowed down exports;
- (b) if so, whether prospective overseas buyers are reluctant to buy Indian wheat at current prices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the exporters are disappointed with the frequent changes in prices and policies that have created uncertainty in the minds of overseas buyers;
- (e) if so, whether any concrete action plan is being considered by the Union Government in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Instead of slowing down, reduction of price of wheat is likely to boost exports.
- (b)&(c): Thus the questions do not arise.
- (d): Policy and prices are dynamic instruments. There is no report of any disappointment and uncertainty relating to overseas buyers with the Government.
- (e)&(f): Thus the questions do not arise.