

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:92  
ANSWERED ON:12.07.2004  
EXPORT OF WHEAT AND RICE  
Meghwal Shri Kailash

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

- (a) the total production of wheat and rice in the country during the last two years;
- (b) the quantum of wheat and rice exported/imported by the Government during the said period;
- (c) the reason for importing these items despite surplus available in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to increase export of surplus wheat and rice in the ensuing years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.92 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12.7.2004 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The Production of wheat and rice in the country during the last two years was as under:

(Figures in Thousand Tonnes)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Total
2002-03	65100	72660	137760
2003-04 (prov.)	72740	86350	159090

(b) & (c): The export and import of wheat and rice by the country for the last two years is as under:

(Figures in Thousand Tonnes)

Product      2002-03      2003-04 (upto Feb., 2004)

Import Export    Import Export

Wheat	-	3570.89	-	3609.36
Rice Basmati	-	594.86	-	634.50
Rice Non-Basmati	0.87	4076.34	0.19	2424.96

The import of foodgrains has, therefore, been negligible during this period.

(d) & (e): A decision in this regard is yet to be taken.