

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2038
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IMPORT OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has imported wheat from foreign producers;
- (b) if so, the quantum of wheat imported from Cargill during the last three years alongwith the price per tonne paid therefor; and
- (c) the Minimum Support Price and other perquisites paid to the Indian farmers for procurement of their wheat during the same period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): In order to meet shortfall in Central pool, stock, during the years 2006-07 & 2007-08 Government imported wheat from M/s. Cargill International SA, Switzerland through the State Trading Corporation of India (STC) and Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation Ltd. (MMTC) as per following details:

S. No.	Year	Agency	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Weighted average price (US \$ PMT) C&F
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1.	2006-07	STC	4.04	199.48
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2.	2007-08	STC	1.23	325.60
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3.	-do-	MMTC	1.87	397.03
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There has been no import of wheat during 2008-09.

(c): Minimum Support Price (MSP) & bonus fixed by Government are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	MSP & other perquisite paid to the farmers (Rs./Per qtl.)
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1.	2006-07	Rs. 650 MSP plus Rs. 50 as bonus
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2	2007-08	Rs. 750 MSP plus Rs. 100 as bonus
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3.	2008-09	Rs. 1000 MSP
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In addition some states have also paid State bonus to their farmers.