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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6250 ANSWERED ON:04.05.2010 PRICE OF WHEAT IMPORT Rajbhar Shri Ramashankar

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

- (a) whether wheat is being imported at prices higher than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) paid to the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the MSP and import price of wheat during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to procure wheat from farmers at price being paid for import of wheat; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No wheat is being imported during the current year on Government Account.
- (b): The import price of wheat on Government account and its Minimum Support Price (MSP) during each of the last three years and current year is as under:-

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(Rs.per tonne)
Year Import price of wheat (per tonne) MSP of wheat with bonus.

2007-08 US $ 372.82 # Rs. 8,500
Rs.14,755.32
2008-09 Nil Rs.10,000
2009-10 Nil Rs.10,800
2010-11 Nil Rs.11,000
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weighted average price

- (c): No Madam
- (d): Does not arise.