

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:447

ANSWERED ON:27.04.2010

TARGETS FOR OMSS

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

- (a) whether the Government had made allocations/set any targets for the sale of foodgrains in the open market through the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said targets could not be achieved as the States were unable to lift their assigned quota;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to provide adequate quantity of foodgrains during the current year at affordable price?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & 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.447 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 27.04.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)to(d): No targets have been set for sale of wheat and rice under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) during 2009-10. However, 20.81 lakh tonnes and 5 lakh Metric Tonnes wheat was allocated for sale through tenders to bulk Consumers and small processors respectively. In addition to above, 20 lakh tonnes of wheat and 10 lakh tonnes of rice was allotted to States/Union Territories/NAFED/NCCF for distribution to retail consumers. Statements showing lifting of wheat and rice under OMSS are placed at Annexure-A, B and C.

Some of the States have not lifted significant quantity of wheat and rice under the scheme because of infrastructural and/or financial constraints and market conditions.

(e): OMSS scheme for tender sale of wheat to bulk consumers through FCI has been extended up to 30.6.2010 in non wheat procuring states where as the scheme for sale of wheat to retail consumers through State Governments has been extended up to 30.6.2010 for some States.

OMSS scheme for sale of rice to retail consumers through State Government has been extended up to 30.6.2010 in all states.

In addition to above Government has allocated 10 kg of food grain per month for all card holders for two months at MSP/MSP derived prices.