

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

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ALLOCATION UNDER OPEN MARKET SALES SCHEME
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum and price of foodgrains allocated to the States under the Open Market Sales Schemes (OMSS) alongwith the quantum lifted by the States during the last one year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government had stipulated any condition regarding price and distribution of the said foodgrains by the States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether some of the States have violated the said condition;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the action taken against the errant States?

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): State wise details of allocation, price and lifting (as on 21/4/10) of wheat and rice under OMSS(D) are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

(b)&(c): State/UT Governments were required to lift the allocated quantity of wheat and rice from the godowns of FCI and distribute it to retail consumers through their own Corporations/cooperatives/federation/self-help groups or any other Government or Semi-Government organization. The State/UT Government were allowed to use this wheat/rice for various educational institutions, SC/ST/women hostels, etc and also to convert wheat into flour for distribution to retail consumers. State Governments were required to ensure that not more than Rs.200 per quintal was added in the end retail prices of wheat / rice on account of handling, transportation, etc.

(d),(e)&(f): Government has received complaint that in Kerala wheat meant for retail consumers was distributed to bulk users.FCI has withheld approximately 12,000 MTs of wheat allotted by State Government to bulk users which was meant for retail consumers/small processors.