

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

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IMPORT OF SUB-STANDARD WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of wheat imported by the Union Government during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise; and
(b) the total quantum out of the above that was found to be substandard or is lying unused in the godowns, year-wise?

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): During 2007-08, 17.69 Lakh tonnes of wheat was imported on Government Account. The country wise import details are as under:-

Sl. No. Country of Origin Quantity in (lakh MTs)

1 Russia 9.40

2 Argentina 4.14

3 Canada 3.15

4 Brazil 0.95

5 Australia 0.05

Total 17.69

There was no import of wheat during the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 on Government account.

(b): No foodgrain stocks of imported wheat were found substandard or lying unused in the godowns.