

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

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BIDS FOR SALE OF MAIZE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India has invited bids for the sale of maize;
- (b) if so, the quantity of maize available with the Food Corporation of India for sale;
- (c) the prices at which maize was procured and proposed to be sold; and
- (d) the quantity of maize supplied to the fair price shops under various food based welfare programmes?

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): Yes, Madam.

(b): A quantity of 9,94,691 tonnes of maize has been procured in the Central Pool during Kharif Marketing Season 2008-09. After meeting the allocation made under Targetted Public Distribution Scheme (TPDS), the balance quantity would be sold by Food Corporation of India (FCI) through tenders.

(c): The stocks were procured at the Minimum Support Price of Rs.840 per quintal declared by the Government for Kharif Marketing Season 2009-10.

Sale of maize is undertaken by FCI through open tenders in the past, the rates have varied across depots and States. In 2009-10 also, FCI will finalize sale of maize through tenders.

(d): 34,253 tonnes maize has been allocated to various states for TPDS for the year 2009-10.