

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:126
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2010
WHEAT PRICE IN FUTURES MARKET
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of wheat in the futures market in the country has been rising;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the likely impact of higher futures prices on the prices of wheat in the domestic market; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to protect the interest of the consumers in view of rising futures prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.126 FOR 03.08.2010 REGARDING WHEAT PRICE IN FUTURES MARKET.

(a) & (b): The futures prices of Wheat on the trading platform of the National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited, (NCDEX) Mumbai, where it is primarily traded alongwith the corresponding spot prices are given in Annex-I. It can be seen from the said Annex-I that the prices of Wheat in both the futures and spot markets were hovering around the level of Minimum Support Price of Rs. 1100/- per quintal at the time of harvest in April 2010. The prices have slowly risen to around Rs.1265/- per quintal in the spot market as on 12th June, 2010 when the near month futures prices were Rs.1285/-, i.e., a minor difference of 1.5%. Since then spot prices have softened by about 3%. Futures prices of all contracts have also shown similar decline.

(c) & (d): In view of the answer to the parts (a) & (b), question does not arise.