

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to provide upto one truck load of foodgrains to consumers and small traders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total quantity proposed to be sold along with the rate thereof;
- (d) whether the quality of such foodgrains has been established; and
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

**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): Guidelines / modalities for sale of wheat by Food Corporation of India (FCI) under Open Market Sales Scheme (Domestic) permit such sale to any private trader from designated depots of the Corporation subject to the quantity of wheat sale per person per depot per day being not less than 3 tonnes and not more than 9 tonnes.
- (b): This decision has been taken to enable Government to check price rise and to make Open Market Scheme more convenient for the small traders / bulk consumers and wheat processors.
- (c): As per the Government of India decision FCI has to fix depot-wise month-wise quantity that can be sold in the open market under this provision keeping in mind regional balance, demand and shortages. In addition to this FCI has to fix quantity for sale in such manner that PDS and other requirements do not suffer because of lifting under OMSS. FCI has also been directed to ensure availability of enough stocks at nominated depots for open sale.
- (d) & (e): The foodgrains stocks for the Central Pool are regularly and periodically inspected and tested by the quality control staff of FCI and only Fair Average Quality (FAQ) stocks conforming to prescribed specifications and fit for human consumption are released for sale under the OMSS (D).