

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2231
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2010
IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the import of foodgrains has gone up during the first quarter (April-July) of the current year as compared to last year during the same period;
- (b) if so, the comparative figures thereof;
- (c) the reasons for increase in import;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take remedial measures to contain the increase in the import of these products; and
- (e) if so, the details 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): Yes, Madam.

(b): The comparative figures of import of foodgrains during April-July 2009-10 and 2010-11 are given in Annex.

(c): Increased imports of cereals, especially wheat seem due to currently applicable no import duty on them. Higher imports of pulses are due to their lower domestic production than demand and distribution of subsidized imported pulses to consumers through State / UT Governments.

(d)&(e): Government reviews from time to time the import duty structure for foodgrains. As imports of cereals are in insignificant quantity and those of pulses are to be encouraged to meet the deficit in domestic availability, at present there is no proposal to contain these imports.

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2231 DUE FOR 23.11.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA.

India's import of foodgrains during first quarter of 2009-10 vis-a-vis 2010-11 and July 2009-10 vis-a-vis 2010-11

Item	April-June 2009-10	April-June 2010-11	July 2009-10	July 2010-11
Description	(i.e first Quarter)	(i.e first Quarter)		

	Quantity (ton)	Quantity (ton)	Quantity (ton)	Quantity (ton)
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Wheat	0	17618	0	55540
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Rice	1	47	21	21
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Other Cereals	1129	1329	979	896
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Cereal total	1130	18994	1000	56457
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Pulses 207879 214745 228012 263660

Note: April-July'10 figures are provisional