

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

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BAN ON IMPORT OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the International Grains Council has indicated a decrease in the estimated wheat production for the year 2010-11;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its likely impact on wheat production/availability in the country during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to impose a ban on import of wheat by private mills; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

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) and (b) International Grains Council, in its Grain Market Report dated 28.10.2010, has projected global wheat production during 2010-11 at 643.9 million tons, as compared to estimated production of 677.2 million tons during 2009-10.

As per the fourth advance estimates of production of foodgrains for 2009-10, released by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, estimated wheat production in the country during 2009-10 (Rabi Marketing Season 2010-11) is 80.71 million tons. With this level of production, together with the opening balance of 16.12 million tons of wheat in the Central pool, as on 1.4.2010, availability of wheat in the country is more than the estimated requirements. Therefore lower global production of wheat is not likely to affect domestic availability of wheat.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to ban the import of wheat by private mills.