

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

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WHEAT PROCUREMENT
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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 (FCI) has projected a likely increase in wheat procurement for 2010-2011 season ending September 2011;
- (b) if so, the details worked out in this regard so far; and
- (c) the present status of procurement of wheat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c) : The estimates for likely procurement of wheat were discussed during the meeting of Food Secretaries of wheat procuring States on February 7, 2011. At a very tentative level, around 262 lakh tonnes wheat procurement has been indicated as likely procurement by the Food Secretaries in the coming Rabi Marketing Season 2011-12, which will commence from 1st of April. However, the actual procurement may vary depending upon the weather conditions in March, 2011, market conditions during the procurement season and the procurement preparedness of the State Governments.