

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

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

- (a) the quantity and price of foodgrains procured directly from the farmers during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the quantity of foodgrains imported during the said period alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the price at which it was imported, country-wise; and
- (d) the action plan formulated to make the country self reliant in foodgrains?

**Answer**

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

(a) The quantity and price of wheat and rice procured during the last three years is as under:-

Crop Year MSP Procurement  
(Rs. Per Quintal) (Lakh Tonnes)

Wheat Paddy Paddy Wheat Rice  
(Com.) (Gr 'A')

2007-08 1000 745@ 775@ 226.89 287.36

2008-09 1080 900@ 930@ 253.82 341.04

2009-10 1100 1000@ 1030@ 225.14 320.34

2010-11 1120 1000 1030 # 229.05 (as on 3.3.2011)

@ includes bonus on paddy for the relevant years.

# The procurement will commence from 1.4.2011

(b) & (c): During the last three years, rice has not been imported for Central Pool stock by the Government. In order to meet shortfall in availability of wheat in the Central Pool, the Government imported 17.69 lakh M.T wheat during 2007-08 at a weighted average price of Rs.14,755.32 per ton. The import was done from Russia, Argentina, Canada, Brazil & Australia. There was no import of wheat during 2008-09 and 2009-10 for the Central Pool. (d) The Government has launched National Food Security Mission (NFSM) to enhance the production of important foodgrains i.e. rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 Million tons respectively by the end of 11th Plan.