

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

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WHEAT IMPORT

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

- (a) whether wheat has been imported by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the said period; and
- (c) the details regarding the import price and procurement price for wheat during the said period?

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): No wheat has been imported by the Government during the current year i.e. 2009-10. During the last three years, wheat was imported only in 2006-07 and 2007-08 and no wheat was imported during 2008-09.

(b): During 2006-07 and 2007-08, 53.79 lakh tons and 18.44 lakh tons respectively of wheat was imported.

(c): The weighted average price of wheat imported during 2006-07 and 2007-08 was US \$ 205.34 per ton i.e. Rs.8214.00 (approx.) and US \$ 366.83 per ton i.e. Rs.14,673.00 (approx.) respectively.

The procurement price (Minimum Support Price and incentive bonus) fixed for wheat during the last three Rabi Marketing Seasons (RMS) and current season are as under:-

Rabi Marketing Season Minimum Support Price (including Bonus)

2006-07	Rs.700	
2007-08		Rs.850
2008-09	Rs.1000	
2009-10		
	Rs.1080	