

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

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

- (a) whether there has been a bumper production of foodgrains in the country during 2010-11;
- (b) if so, whether there has been a downswing in the prices of foodgrains commensurate with the increase in production over the previous year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. As per 4th Advance Estimate of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, the estimates of production of wheat and rice from 2010-11 Crop are 85.93 million tonnes and 95.32 million tonnes respectively. The wheat production is all time high, while the rice production is second highest, the highest being 99.18 million tonnes in crop year 2008-09.

(b),(c)&(d): The wholesale prices and retail prices of wheat and rice have not shown any substantial change during the last one year as shown in the table below:-

(In Rs per Quintal)

Centre Wheat Rice

Price as Price as Price as Price as
on 1.8.2010 on 1.8.2011 on 1.8.2010 on 1.8.2011

Delhi	1230	1185	1850	1900
Mumbai	1400	1563	1802	1775
Hyderabad	1713	1750	1700	1800
Chennai	2100	2000	1800	1900

Source - Department of Consumer Affairs.