

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:154
ANSWERED ON:14.07.2009
FUTURES TRADING IN FARM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the farm products suspended from futures trade in 2006 and 2007;
- (b) the details of farm products suspended from futures trade since March, 2008;
- (c) whether the Forward Markets Commission has opposed suspension of farm items like potato, soya oil, rubber and chana from futures trade; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SAT A STARRED QUESTION NO. 154 FOR 14/07/2009 REGARDING FUTURES TRADING IN FARM PRODUCTS

(a): Details of farm products suspended from futures trade in the financial year 2006- 2007 are as follows:

Sr.
No. Commodity Date of suspension of futures trading Date of Revocation of suspension of trading Date of resumption of trading

1	Tur and Urad	23rd January 2007	-	-	
2	Rice	27th February 2007	-	-	
3	wheat	27th February 2007	15m May 2009	21st May 2009	

(b): Details of farm products suspended from futures trade since March 2008 are as follows:

Sr. No. Commodity Date of suspension of futures trading Date of Revocation of suspension of trading Date of resumption of trading

1	Chana, Soy oil, Rubber and Potato	7th May 2008	30m November 2008	4th Dec. 2008	
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2	Sugar	26.05.2009	“	“	
		till 31.12.2009			

(c): The decision of suspension of futures trading in above commodities was made by Forward Markets Commission as an abundant caution so that the perceived inflationary expectations are contained. While making this decision, it took into account different factors like production, international scenario etc. which impact on such expectation.

(d): In view of (C) above question does not arise.