

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6328
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SUPPLY OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of wheat for supply to flour mills of Gujarat and the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has reduced the supply of wheat to flour mill owners;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Wheat is not supplied to flour mill owners out of central pool. As per existing norms, flour mills are required to purchase wheat from open market for their commercial operations. However, under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS), to contain price rise in foodgrains, as and when required, wheat is allocated for tender sale to bulk consumers including Roller Flour Mills in the States/Union Territories.

(b)and (c): Does not arise