

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3910
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RELEASE OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received suggestions to release foodgrains from its stocks in the market to check the soaring prices in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made with regard to the likely decline in the prices of foodgrains as a result of the above measure; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): No, Madam. However, with a view to offload surplus stocks in the Central Pool and to increase availability in the market, Government has released 26.02 lakh tonnes of wheat for tender sale to bulk consumers and sale to small private traders from its godowns by Food Corporation of India (FCI) under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) during July and August, 2012.
- (c) &(d): No such assessment has been made by the Department. However, wheat and rice prices in the market are regularly monitored and it is expected that increased availability of wheat due to release of wheat under OMSS and release of additional 5 million tonnes of foodgrains under TPDS during current year will have moderating influence on the prices of foodgrains.