

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:883
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2012
PRICE OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether wheat has been imported at a prices higher than the minimum support price being provided to farmers in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the minimum support price and import price of wheat during each of the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to purchase wheat from the farmers at the import price paid for wheat; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): does not arise.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. Wheat is procured in the Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) every year at Minimum Support Price (MSP). The MSP of wheat fixed in the last three years and the current year is as under:-

Sl.No.	RMS	MSP (in Rs. Per quintal)
1.	2009-10	1080
2.	2010-11	1100
3.	2011-12	1120 + 50 (MSP + Bonus)
4.	2012-13	1285