

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:241

ANSWERED ON:11.12.2012

Export of Wheat

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

- (a) whether some countries including Malaysia have shown interest in the import of wheat from India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the outcome of the talks, if any, held in this regard and the floor price fixed therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allocate additional quantity of wheat for export during the ensuing year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of wheat proposed to be allocated for export, the quantum allocated and actually exported and the quantum released in the domestic market under the Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS) during the last three years and the current year;and
- (e) the likely impact of the said exports on the domestic availability and price of wheat in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A Statement Is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 241 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11.12.2012 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) & (b): There is no formal proposal from any country including Malaysia for import of wheat from India. However, there is a proposal to export wheat to Iran on Government to Government basis for which Iranian authorities are yet to convey the specifications of wheat required by them.

(c) & (d): The Government on 03-07-2012 has allowed export of 20 lakh tonnes of wheat from the Central Pool Stocks of Food Corporation of India (FCI) through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) of the Department of Commerce viz. State Trading Corporation (STC) Mineral & Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) and Project & Equipments Corporation (PEC). As on 6-12-2012, tenders for export of 17.30 lakh tons of wheat have been approved, out of which 8.06 lakh tons have been dispatched. In addition to this, a proposal for export of additional quantity of 25 lakh tons of wheat is under consideration. Under Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS), Government has allocated release of the following quantities of wheat in domestic market during the last three years and the current year.

S.No	Period	Quantity in Lakh Tons
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1.	October 2009 - December 2010	35
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2.	January 2011 - September 2011	25
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3.	October 2011 - September 2012	25.5
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4. July 2012 - March 2013 30

5. November 2012 -March 2013 70

(e): The stock position of wheat in Central Pool is very comfortable. As such these exports are not likely to have any impact on the domestic availability/price of wheat.