

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF WHEAT

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allowed the export of wheat and rice to other countries in view of their surplus stock in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of wheat and rice exported during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the economic cost of wheat and rice of Food Corporation of India has been assessed to be more than the price of wheat and rice in the international market; and
- (d) the details of the measures taken by the Government to ensure the minimum price to wheat and rice farmers in the country and to ensure regular supply of food grains in the domestic market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a & b) Yes, Madam. The Government has allowed export of non-basmati rice and wheat under Open General Licence with effect from 9.9.2011. The details of Export of wheat and rice during the last three years and current year are as under:

Period	Qty. in Metric Ton		Rs. in Crore				
	Wheat	Basmati	Rice	Non-Basmati	Rice		
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty MT	Value	
2009-10	30	0.05	2016869	10889.60	139544	365.30	
2010-11	396	0.70	2370684	11354.77	100683	231.29	
2011-12	740747	1023.27	3178197	15449.69	3997720	8659.13	
April- Dec., 2012	4289088	6749.21	417649	12922.85	5071950	10863.96	

Source: DGCI&S

(c) International price of wheat fluctuates depending upon Global Demand and Supply situations, weather conditions etc. whereas the economic cost of Central Pool wheat of Food Corporation of India is fixed crop-year wise. The economic cost of wheat for 2012-13 (revised Estimates) is fixed at Rs. 17,989.60 per metric ton. Under the current export programme, as per the global tenders finalized for export of wheat from Central Pool Stocks at various Indian ports, the weighted average sale rate of wheat during 2012-13 has been US\$ 314.54 (Rs. 16,985.16) per metric ton (1 US\$ = Rs. 54.00).

(d) Every year the government, inter-alia, announces Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for wheat and rice and undertakes procurement activities to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers and regular supply of food grains in the domestic market.