

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2520
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SALE IN OPEN MARKET
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether wheat was sold in open market between the period 2009 and 2011 in order to check price rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the quantum of wheat sold through open market during the said period along with the price thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had assessed the rise in the selling price of wheat and flour before initiating the said sale; and
- (d) if so, the extent of rise in consumer prices of wheat and flour registered during the said period and the prices at which wheat was sold in open market in comparison to the domestic cost?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Yes Madam. 39.67 lakh tonnes of wheat has been sold to retail and bulk consumers under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) [OMSS (D)] during the period 2009 -10, 2010-11 & 2011-12. The price of wheat during the period is at Annexure –A.
- (c): Government regularly monitors wheat and flour prices in the market. However, no specific study is undertaken before initiating wheat sale under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS).
- (d): Does not arise.