

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

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WHEAT FOR FLOUR MILLS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of wheat being supplied to the flour mills;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has expressed its inability to provide wheat to the flour mill owners;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Roller Flour Mills Federation of India has decided to import wheat keeping in view the increase in the price of wheat in the Indian market;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of wheat to the flour mills?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e)&(f): Government of India is not aware of any such decision, but import of wheat at zero duty is permitted.
- (g): Food Corporation of India has been allocated 5 lakh tonnes wheat during October- December, 2009 for sale through Open Tenders to bulk consumers of wheat like Roller Flour Mills, Biscuits Manufacture etc. who have processing units using wheat as raw material with an installed capacity of not less than 30 tonnes per month (enclosed as annexure-I). In addition to this Government has allocated 10 lakh tonnes wheat to the State/UT Governments under Open Market Sales Scheme (Domestic) for distribution to retail consumers, including small processor of wheat like Chakies, Bakery etc. with a monthly consumption of less than 30 tonnes, for October-December, 2009 period (enclosed as annexure-II).