

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4805

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QUALITY OF WHEAT

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

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India has decided to procure wheat conforming to international quality for sale in the international market;
- (b) if so, whether the said wheat is being procured from big traders by award of tenders instead of directly from the farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Madam. Wheat conforming to the prescribed specifications is procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the State agencies under Minimum Support Price (MSP) and is utilized to meet the requirements under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes, open market sale and to maintain buffer stocks. No procurement of wheat is done specifically for the purpose of sale in the international market.

(b) & (c) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.