

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

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EXPORT OF WHEAT

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to export additional 50 lac tonnes of wheat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the countries that have expressed their intention to import wheat from India and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the present stocks available with the Government are several years old;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the total stocks available, total requirement and buffer norms and the stocks that are more than three years old; and
- (e) the steps taken to maintain adequate stocks and provide wheat for exports particularly in case of decline in production during the ensuing year?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The government has approved export of additional 50 lakh tons of wheat till 30.6.2013 from FCI Godowns in Punjab & Haryana from the wheat stocks pertaining to Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2011-12. Under the said scheme, the buyer will be free to export the wheat to any country.

(c), (d) & (e): As on 01.04.2013, the Government was holding 237.10 lakh tons of wheat out of which 231.35 lakh tons was of 2011-12 crop year onward. Thus, the older than three years stocks with the Government is only 5.75 lakh tons (2.43%).

The estimated procurement during RMS 2013-14 is 440 lakh tons against which 119 lakh tons has been procured till 22.04.2013. The buffer norm and strategic reserve, as on 01.04.2013, is fixed at 70 lakh tons and considering average annual offtake of 320 lakh tons, adequate stock of wheat for domestic requirement and export is available.