

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:703
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SALE OF FOODGRAIN THROUGH OMSS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to distribute foodgrains to retail customers under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) through the co-operative network of the States;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Government has allocated 30 lakh tonnes of wheat and 10 lakh tonnes of rice for sale under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) Government has allocated 10.0 lakh MTs of wheat and 5.0 lakh MTs of rice to State/UT Governments for distribution to retail consumers/small processors during October, 2009 to December,2009. Another 5.0 lakh MT of wheat has also been allocated for sale to bulk consumers in various States/UTs through open tenders by FCI during October, 2009-December, 2009.

Details of state wise allocation of wheat and rice under OMSS for various States/UTs are enclosed as Annexure I & II.

State-wise details of wheat released for sale to bulk consumers is also enclosed as Annexure-III.