

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6641  
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UNIFORM PRICES FOR WHEAT  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the flour millers have represented to the Government seeking uniform prices for wheat being supplied under the Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Representations from Karnataka Roller Flour Mills Association and The Tamil Nadu Roller Flour Mills Association were received for fixing uniform price for the OMSS wheat throughout the country.

Starting from 15th November, 2012 to March, 2013, the reserve price of OMSS wheat for tender sale to bulk consumers was fixed as under:-

1. For Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh at Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2012-13 (Rs.1285/- per quintal) plus State wise statutory charges and levies as applicable on procurement.
2. For other consuming States/Union Territories (UTs) except Chandigarh, wheat under the scheme was released at MSP of wheat for RMS 2012-13 (Rs.1285/- per quintal) plus statutory charges and levies as applicable on procurement in Punjab plus freight from Ludhiana to concerned State/UT Capital.
3. For Chandigarh, price of wheat was fixed same as for Punjab.

Reserve Price of wheat under OMSS bulk scheme for States other than Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh was fixed taking into account the freight charges from Ludhiana to concerned State/UT Capital with the intention that State-wise transportation cost of wheat should be added in fixing of reserve price of wheat under the scheme. The request to fix uniform prices for wheat under OMSS throughout the country was not accepted.