

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:243

ANSWERED ON:27.08.2013

ALLOCATION FOR BULK CONSUMERS

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

- (a) the total quantum of wheat sanctioned/released to the bulk consumers including flour mills and biscuit manufacturers and the quantum lifted by them during 2012-13;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to release additional quantity of wheat to the said bulk consumers during the ensuing year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantity, price and the criteria fixed for allocation of wheat to bulk consumers; and
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any profit margin for the bulk users/traders and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 243 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 27.08.2013 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a): 94.47 lakh tonnes of wheat was allocated during 2012-13, for tender sale through FCI to bulk consumers including flour mills and biscuit manufacturers. Lifting against this allocation was 64.03 lakh tonnes.

(b) & (c): During the year 2013-14, Government has approved allocation of 85 lakh tonnes of wheat for sale to bulk consumers. For open bulk sale, FCI is calling for tenders/e-tenders ex-godowns in Punjab and Haryana and the bulk buyers/flour mills and traders across the country have been allowed to participate in tenders. The reserve price for this tender sale has been fixed at Rs.1500 per quintal.

(d): No Madam. Government has not fixed any profit margin for the bulk users/traders as the purpose of open sale of wheat is to liquidate surplus wheat stocks available in the Central Pool and to augment the availability of wheat in the open market to moderate its market price.