

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2924  
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OPEN MARKET SALES SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the delay in implementation of the Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS) has led to an additional financial burden on account of expenditure on storage and conservation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government for effective implementation of OMSS along with the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): No, Madam. There is no delay in implementation of the Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS).
- (b): Does no arise.

(c): During 2013-14, under OMSS 95 lakh tonnes of wheat has been allocated for tender sale to bulk consumers / small private traders. Similarly, under OMSS retail scheme, 5 lakh tonnes of rice and 5 lakh tonnes of wheat have been approved for allocation to States/ UTs/Cooperatives for distribution to retail consumers. Details of lifting against these allocation is at Annexure-I.