

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:371

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PROCUREMENT BY PRIVATE AGENCIES

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

- (a) whether the private traders procure wheat directly from the farmers;
- (b) if so, the quantum of wheat procured directly from the farmers by private traders and other private organizations during the last one year and the current year;
- (c) whether the said procurement was made at the rates fixed by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a):Yes, Madam.

(b):The details of wheat purchased directly from farmers at their door-steps by private and other agencies are not maintained by Government / Food Corporation of India (FCI). However, the quantum of wheat procured directly from the farmers, by Government Agencies out of Mandi arrivals and the quantity assumed to have been procured by the private traders/ other agencies during Rabi Marketing Season 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as under:-

	Quantity in Lakh MTs		
Marketing year	Total arrivals in mandies	Quantity purchased by Government Agencies	Quantity of wheat assumed to have been purchased by the private traders/other agencies.
2012-13	404.56	381.48	23.08
2013-14	292.91	250.84	42.0

(c) and (d): There have been reports that procurement by private traders and other agencies have been above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) announced by Government of India.