

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:824
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IMPORT PRICE OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether wheat is being imported at higher price than the Minimum support Price (MSP) being offered to the farmers in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the comparative details of the MSP and import prices of wheat during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to procure wheat from the farmers at price similar to its import price; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. Government has not imported wheat for Central Pool stocks during last few years as sufficient stocks of foodgrains (wheat and rice) are available in the Central Pool.
- (b),(c) &(d) In view of (a) above, do not arise.