

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

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

- (a) whether the offtake of wheat allocated by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) through tender under the Open Market Sales Scheme has registered a decline recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the quantum of wheat allocated and lifted during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) For the Year 2013-14, 85 lakh tonnes of wheat has been allocated under OMSS(D) for tender sale by FCI. As on 03.02.2014, 41.46 lakh tonnes of wheat has been sold under the scheme. The sale of 17.68 lakh MT of wheat under this scheme during January 2014 is higher than previous months in the current financial year. Allocation made under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) – Domestic (D) for Bulk sale (tender sale and sale from FCI godowns to small private traders) of wheat during the last three year and the current year and lifting thereof are as under-

(Quantity in Lakh tonnes)

Period	Allocation	Lifting
October,2009–December,2010	22.83	18.64
January,2011 to September,2011	15	7.04
October,2011 to June,2012	15	11.6
July,2012 to March,2013	95	64.62
March,2013 to March,2014	95	43.48

(c) An Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) and Group of Ministers (GoM) have been formed to monitor sale of wheat under OMSS (D) on a regular basis.As recommended by IMG, FCI has taken a number of administrative measures to increase the sale. In addition, the limit of small traders to purchase wheat from FCI godowns directly has been increased from 9 tonnes to 15 tonnes and Government has also allowed sale on dedicated movement basis from Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh.

