

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

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

- (a) whether the Government had offered about 100 lakh tonnes of wheat for sale under Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS) at a price higher than the minimum support price and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether only a meagre quantity out of the above was lifted, if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make a fresh offer for sale of foodgrains under OMSS during 2015; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which final decision regarding quantity to be offered for OMSS and exports are likely to be decided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a): Yes Madam. For the year 2014-15, 100 lakh tonnes of wheat has been allocated under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS). The reserve price for sale of wheat under the scheme is as follows:

(i) In the States of Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh, the reserve price of wheat has been fixed at Rs. 1500 per quintal for wheat stock of crop-years upto 2013-14 and Rs. 1570 per quintal for wheat stock of RMS 2014-15.

(ii) For depots of FCI located outside Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh, the depot wise reserve price of wheat has been fixed by adding railway freight from Ludhiana to the nearest railhead and road transportation cost from such railhead to the depot, to the crop year- wise reserve price for Punjab/Haryana/MP.

The reserve price of wheat under the scheme is higher than MSP at all locations.

(b): Against the allotment of 100 lakh MT of wheat, a quantity of 38.67 lakh tonnes of wheat has been sold during the year 2014-15 upto 20th February 2015. The progress of sale of wheat under the scheme is satisfactory as sale is dependent on prevailing market prices and demand.

(c): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of Government of India.

(d): Does not arise.