

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to export wheat from the country;
- (b) if so, the quantity of wheat exports sanctioned and actually exported during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the price of wheat in international market is less than the economic cost of Food Corporation of India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the economic cost and the international price of wheat during the said period along with the steps taken to make the exports viable?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): In phase-I during Calendar Year 2012 and 2013, Government allowed export of 45 lakh Metric Tons of wheat from Central Pool Stock of Food Corporation of India through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) namely, State Trading Corporation of India Limited (STC), Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India Limited (MMTC) and Projects & Equipment Corporation of India Limited (PEC) and out of which a quantity of 42.40 lakh Metric tons was actually exported. In Phase-II during Calendar Year 2013 and 2014, export of a quantity of 20 lakh Metric Tons of wheat was allowed, out of which 15.57 lakh Metric Tons was actually exported. There is no proposal under consideration of Government to export wheat during current year.

(c) & (d): Yes. The economic cost as per 2015-16 Budget Estimates is Rs. 21,817 per Metric Tons against which the Free on Board Quotes for different grades of Wheat comparable to Indian quality is ranging from US\$ 209.50 to US\$ 236 per Metric Ton with exchange rate of Rs. 62.56 per dollar as on 20th April, 2015. The Free on Board rates received for export during 2012-13 to 2014-15 vis-a-vis economic cost is as under:-

Year	Free on Board average rate (in Rs.) received (in US\$ per Metric Ton)	Exchange rate	Economic Cost
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2012-13	314.01	54.23	17525.70
2013-14	294.15	59.36	19083.20
2014-15	281.22	60.05	20475.60