

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

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Import of Wheat

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

- (a) whether despite availability of adequate quantity of wheat in the country, some companies imported wheat from foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps likely to be taken to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Some Traders/Millers have imported 4,72,192 Metric Tons wheat during April to October, 2015. The import of wheat on private account might have been taken place due to its low international prices. There is however sufficient stock of wheat in the Central Pool.

(c) To discourage import of wheat, the Government initially imposed custom duty @ 10% with effect from 7th August, 2015 which was subsequently raised to 25% with effect from 19th October, 2015.
