

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

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

- (a) whether the price of wheat in the international market during current year are lower than the economic cost of wheat held by the Food Corporation of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has invited tenders at lower prices in order to sell Indian wheat in the international market; and
- (d) if so, the prices at which tenders have been invited in the current year and the extent to which these prices are lower than the economic cost of wheat in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The price of wheat in the International Market has ranged from US\$ 230 to US\$ 296 per ton Freight on Board (FoB) during the current year for Black Sea Milling variety. These rates correspond to Rs. 13800/- to Rs. 17760/- per ton (1 US\$ = Rs. 60). While the economic cost of wheat with Food Corporation of India (FCI) as per 2014-15 Budget Estimate is Rs. 19937/- per ton which includes costs such as incidental charges, interest on funds blocked, storage charges etc. apart from the acquisition cost.

(c) & (d): No tenders have been invited for export of wheat from Central Pool Stocks of FCI during the current year. However, left over quantities of 3.27 lakh tons of wheat out of the tenders approved in the previous year were exported during the current year (till June 2014) at a weighted average price of US\$ 281.22 per ton FoB which comes to Rs. 16873/- per ton (1US\$ = Rs. 60). Also FCI would have incurred additional storage cost if this surplus wheat was not exported.