

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1793  
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2003  
WHEAT CONSIGNMENT TO IRAQ  
RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

the fate of wheat consignment made to Iraq under the Food for Oil Scheme of UNO during the period of war and prior to war?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI S L MAHARIA )

Under the United Nation's (UN) Oil for Food Programme, revenues from Iraqi oil exports prior to the outbreak of war went into an escrow account controlled by the UN, from which payments were made for essential imports into Iraq. The supply contracts were approved and supervised by a Committee of the UN.

Indian wheat exporters had signed contracts prior to the war under the Oil for Food Programme as it existed then, but only two contracts involving 52850 MTs of wheat, were prioritized.