

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4669  
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IMPORT OF WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether first consignment of duty free wheat being imported from Australia has reached India;
- (b) if so, the total quantity received so far; and
- (c) the quantum out of the above supplied to the Southern States alongwith the price thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): Against the contract for import of 5.00 lakh MTs of wheat through State Trading Corporation, two vessels containing 50,855 MTs and 41,261 MTs of wheat have arrived at Chennai and Tuticorin Ports, respectively. Till 18.5.2006 a quantity of 73,494 MTs of wheat stands discharged from both the vessels.

(c): The above quantity is presently being shifted to the FCI godowns of the Southern States, for supplies under the TPDS and other Welfare Schemes at the Government notified prices, relevant for the scheme.