

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3628
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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) The quantity of wheat imported by the Government during the current year ;
- (b) Whether tenders for higher prices have been received for the wheat to be imported presently in comparison to the tenders received in the month of February 2006; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof, and reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a): The State Trading Corporation of India (STC) has finalized contracts for import of 55 lakhs tonnes of wheat for Central Pool stocks. A quantity of 38.21 Lakh MTs of wheat has arrived at the various Indian Ports upto 11.12.2006.
- (b) : Tenders for higher prices were received for the wheat imported subsequently in comparison to the tenders received in the month of February, 2006.
- (c) : The average price finalized in the five tenders is annexed. The price trends were rising in the international market.