

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF WHEAT THROUGH STATE TRADING CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details on the import of pulses and wheat to meet the shortage during the current year including the amount spent on the import;
- (b) whether the Government propose to import wheat through public sector State Trading Corporation(STC);
- (c) if so, whether zero import duty has been fixed for the said import of wheat;
- (d) if so, the revenue loss to be incurred to the Government on account of import of import duty free wheat;
- (e) the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of price to be fixed for the imported wheat according to the tender floated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a): Quantity and amount spent on import of wheat and pulses during the period April to September 2006 is as below:

Commodity	Quantity (in Lakh Tonnes)	Amount spent in Rs. Crores
Pulses	8.06	1351.29
Wheat	5.40	500.00

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata

Note: the figures are provisional and subject to continuous updation till finalization.

b)&c) : Yes, Sir.

d): The exact amount of revenue loss on account of duty free import of wheat can be estimated at the end of this scheme which is still in operation.

e) : Does not arise

f) : The price to be fixed for the imported wheat is determined by the prevailing domestic and international market conditions.