

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

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IMPACT OF WHEAT IMPORT ON PRICES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of import of duty free wheat on the prices of wheat in the domestic market; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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) & (b): Government has permitted private trade to import wheat at zero duty from 9th September 2006. Imports of wheat have improved the domestic availability. However, the impact of import of duty free wheat on the prices of wheat cannot be precisely assessed since market prices are determined by a large number of demand and supply factors such as domestic demand, production, imports, international prices etc.