

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3771

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IMPORTED WHEAT

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

- (a) whether the early issue of tenders for import of wheat led to rise in prices of wheat in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the price of wheat in Delhi before and after the issue of tenders;
- (c) the reasons for placing orders for import of wheat before commencement of season in Europe and Russia; and
- (d) the action proposed to be taken against officials responsible for the losses?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE 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): No, Sir. Retail prices have remained steady at Rs.12 per kg. in Delhi for the last six months.

(c): Since the procurement was expected to fall short of the requirements for Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Welfare Schemes and to take care of natural calamities etc. it was decided to import wheat in suitable tranches.

(d): The question of loss does not arise.