

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.720
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2023

BHARAT ATTA SCHEME

720. SHRI VIVEK THAKUR:
SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

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

- (a) the details of the Bharat Atta Scheme and the aims and vision of this initiative by Government;
- (b) whether the wheat flour would be sold to the public at cheaper rates than the market rates under this scheme;
- (c) whether Government has planned to ensure enough stock to cater to the demands of the country and the challenges with regards to the distribution of the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): To moderate the prices of wheat and atta, 2.5 LMT of wheat @ Rs.21.50/kg has been allocated for Semi-Government and cooperative organizations like Kendriya Bhandar, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.(NAFED) under the Open Market Sale Scheme [OMSS(D)] for converting to atta and offer it for sale to the public under 'Bharat Atta' brand at an Maximum Retail Price (MRP) not exceeding ₹ 27.50/Kg. The objective is to make available atta to general consumers at affordable rate through physical and mobile outlets of Kendriya Bhandar, NAFED, NCCF and co-operatives of State Governments. Apart from Bharat Atta, subsidized Bharat Dal (Chana Dal) and Onion are also being sold by the central/state co-operative agencies through physical/mobile retail outlets. Till date, 40,609 MT of Bharat Atta, 1,28,520 MT of Bharat Dal (Chana) and 2,59,059 MT of onion have been sold at subsidized rates to general consumers.

(b): Bharat Atta is being offered by these organisations for sale at a Maximum Retail Price not exceeding ₹ 27.50/Kg which is lower than the all India average retail prices of Atta.

(c) to (d): The stock of wheat in Central Pool as on 16th November 2023 is 209.85 Lakh MT.
