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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 3866**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/04/2025

**INCREASING WHEAT PRODUCTION**

3866. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current production of wheat is likely to climb as compared to previous years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating to lift the ban on wheat exports, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to control/ease out already higher flour prices prevailing in the market through this bumper production of wheat; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): As per 2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates, 2024-25, the production of wheat is estimated at 1154.30 lakh tonnes, which is higher by 1.89% from the last year's production of 1132.92 lakh tonnes. The details of All India wheat production for the previous 3 years and current year is as under:

(Production in Lakh Tonnes)

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25(2 <sup>nd</sup> AE)
Wheat Production	1077.42	1105.54	1132.92	1154.30

Source: DA&FW

(b): In order to manage the overall food security of the country and to support the needs of the neighbouring and other vulnerable countries, Central Government has amended the export policy of wheat from 'free' to 'prohibited' category on 13th May 2022 for restricting export of Indian Durum Wheat. The Government is closely monitoring the domestic prices of Wheat and keeping in mind the interest of the consumers and domestic farmers. The Government takes necessary policy decision as and when required to keep the prices affordable.

(c) & (d): The Government closely monitors international and domestic prices as well as price trends of essential commodities, including wheat, on a regular basis.

To control wheat/wheat(Atta) prices, since 01 April 2024, Government of India has allocated 30 Lakh Tonnes of wheat for sale in the open market under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) or OMSS (D) while 12 LMT wheat has been allocated for sale as Atta (wheat flour) under Bharat Atta Brand.

In addition, for wheat, stock limit restrictions have also been imposed to avoid hoarding and to cool down retail prices in the domestic market applicable to traders/wholesalers, retailers, big chain retailers and processors in all the States and Union Territories. The Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2024 was issued on 24 June 2024, which was revised on 09 September 2024, on 11 December 2024 & on 20 February 2025, respectively, indicating vigilance on prices in this commodity.

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