

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.473  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**BHARAT ATTA SCHEME**

**473. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:  
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:  
SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:  
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:  
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
SHRI LALLU SINGH:  
SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the Bharat Atta Scheme and the aims and vision of this initiative by the Government;**
- (b) whether the prices at which wheat flour would be sold to the public is likely to be cheaper than the market value under this scheme and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has planned to ensure enough stock to cater to the demands of the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) the challenges with regard to the distribution of the same; and**
- (f) the details of total stock of such Bharat Atta and its availability across all regions of the country?**

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**A N S W E R**  
**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

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**(a): In order to moderate 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 Open Market Sale Scheme [OMSS(D)] for converting to atta and offer it for sale to the public under 'Bharat Atta' brand at an 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.**

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

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

**(f): Government of India is providing wheat for processing and sale of atta by the central/state co-operative agencies through physical/mobile retail outlets across the country.**

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