

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2025

RISE IN WHEAT PRICES

†2252. **SMT. LOVELY ANAND:**

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

- (a) whether the wheat prices continue to rise despite its selling by the Government in the open market and the price has increased by more than fifty percent in the last two months and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the price of wheat is increasing due to hoarding in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the measures taken by the Government to control the prices of wheat?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) to (c): No Sir. Wheat prices are stable in the last two months. The trend in the wheat prices during last two months is presented in the annexure.

In order to manage the overall food security and to prevent hoarding and unscrupulous speculation, the Government of India imposed stock limits on wheat applicable to traders/wholesalers, retailers, big chain retailers and processors in all 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.

In addition, to control wheat prices, since 01 April 2024, Government of India has allocated 30 Lakh Ton of wheat for sale in open market under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) or OMSS (D) while 12 LMT wheat has been allocated for sale of Atta under Bharat Atta Brand.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2252 FOR ANSWER ON 12.03.2025 IN THE LOK SABHA

Table1: Trend in wheat price during last two months.

| Commodities | Daily Average Retail Price (Rs/Kg) | | | | | | |
|-------------|--|------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|---------|----------|
| | Price As On | 1 Week Ago | 1 Month Ago | 2 Months Ago | % Variation over | | |
| | 06-03-2025 | 27-02-2025 | 06-02-2025 | 06-01-2025 | 1 Week | 1 Month | 2 Months |
| | 32.76 | 32.79 | 32.79 | 32.78 | -0.09 | -0.09 | -0.06 |
| Wheat | Daily Average Wholesale Price (Rs/Qtl) | | | | | | |
| | Price As On | 1 Week Ago | 1 Month Ago | 2 Months Ago | % Variation over | | |
| | 06-03-2025 | 27-02-2025 | 06-02-2025 | 06-01-2025 | 1 Week | 1 Month | 2 Months |
| | 2973.36 | 2976.56 | 2973.16 | 2971.77 | -0.11 | 0.01 | 0.05 |

Source: Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India
