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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 376 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST DECEMBER, 2015

PRICE OF WHEAT

376. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to import wheat from Australia, France and Russia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum and the price of such imports;
- (c) whether it is a fact that 5 lakh tonnes of wheat has been imported from Australia in the last four months; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a) & (b): There is no such proposal to import wheat on Government account.
- (c) & (d): Month-wise import of wheat from Australia by Traders/Millers during April 2015 to September, 2015 is as under:-

Month	Quantity in Metric Tons
April, 2015	4106
May, 2015	6617
June, 2015	97078
July, 2015	190531
August, 2015	74703
September, 2015	3076

Note: The figures are provisional.

Traders/ Millers might have imported wheat due to its low international prices.

* * * *