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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 231 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2016

IMPORT OF WHEAT

231. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

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

(a) the production of wheat during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether there has been a sharp increase in wheat import during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the imports are likely to be continued during the current year and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): the position of production of wheat is given in Annexure.

(b) to (c): Position of import of wheat during the last three years and the current year is given as under:-

YEAR	QTY (TON)	VAL (US\$)	
2013-14	11272	4415680	
2014-15	29493	9951371	
2015-16	516167	135060965	
2016-17(AP	NIL	NIL	
MAY)*			

Source: DGCI&S /*Provisional

Due to low international prices of wheat millers / traders in Southern States have imported large quantity during 2015-16.

(d): Custom duty on wheat import has been imposed @ 10% w.e.f. 7.8.2015 and it was raised to 25% w.e.f. 19.10.2015. As per provisional figures available, there has been no import of wheat during current year till May, 2016.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTATTED QUESTION NO. 231 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19.07.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA

Production of Wheat in India during 2012-13 to 2015-16.

('000	Tonnes)
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		Production (000 Tonnes)			
State/ UT	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*	
1	2	3	4	5	
Assam	44.2	40.4	28.8	38.0	
Bihar	5357.2	4738.0	3987.0	5251.1	
Chhatisgarh	141.3	134.0	135.3	136.4	
Gujarat	2944.0	4694.0	3059.0	2630.0	
Haryana	11117.0	11800.0	10354.0	11489.0	
Himachal Pradesh	608.6	670.7	646.5	494.1	
Jammu & Kashmir	462.4	601.9	314.3	497.4	
Jharkhand	319.5	370.4	330.4	274.4	
Karnataka	179.0	210.0	261.0	163.0	
Madhya Pradesh	13133.4	12937.0	17103.9	15644.1	
Maharashtra	1181.0	1602.0	1308.0	718.0	
Punjab	16591.0	17620.0	15050.0	16512.0	
Rajasthan	9275.5	8663.2	9823.9	10002.7	
Uttar Pradesh	30301.9	29890.9	22417.4	28365.0	
Uttarakhand	858.2	842.4	654.2	755.0	
West Bengal	895.9	927.8	939.3	945.0	
Others	96.4	107.0	113.8	120.6	
All India	93506.5	95849.8	86526.6	94035.8	

* As per Third Advance Estimates.