

- (iii) It has made mandatory, the cost audit and financial audit for all co-operative sugar factories under Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act, 1960, so as to cut down conversion costs and bring efficiency in sugar factories.
- (iv) Under the Special Plan programme, as per Government Resolution dated 13.05.2011, it has provided that the sick/closed Cooperative Factories in the State can avail a total waiver of penal interest in case of one time settlement of their dues of Sales Tax, Central Excise, VAT, Sugarcane Purchase Tax and Profession Tax.

Export of wheat

672. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of wheat exported during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has enough stock of wheat to meet the demand of indigenous consumers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS) : (a) There has been no export of wheat from the Central Pool Stocks of the Government during the years 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Government has allowed export of wheat under Open General License with effect from 09-09-2011. During 2011-12 a quantity of 7.41 lakh tonnes of wheat has been exported, which includes 1 lakh tonnes of wheat exported to Afghanistan as humanitarian aid from Central Pool.

During 2012-13, till 22-02-2013 a quantity of 40.30 lakh tonnes of wheat has been exported, which includes 20.72 lakh tonnes of wheat exported from Central Pool Stocks through Central Public Sector Undertakings of Department of Commerce and 0.35 lakh tonnes of wheat exported to Afghanistan as humanitarian aid.

(b) and (c) Government has sufficient stock of wheat and as on 01.02.2013 the stock of wheat in the Central Pool is 308.09 lakh tonnes against the prescribed buffer norm and food security reserve of 112 lakh tonnes for 1st January.