Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

Government Approves Additional 25 LMT Wheat Exports to Support Farmers and Stabilise Markets

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The Government of India has approved the export of an additional 25 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) of wheat, reinforcing its commitment to ensuring remunerative returns for farmers while maintaining stability in domestic markets. The decision follows a comprehensive review of current production, stock availability, and price trends.

Wheat acreage during the Rabi 2026 season has increased to approximately 334.17 lakh hectares, compared to 328.04 lakh hectares last year. This rise reflects strong farmer confidence in wheat cultivation, supported by assured Minimum Support Price (MSP) and robust procurement mechanisms, and indicates the likelihood of another strong harvest.

As per the Second Advance Estimates released by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on 10 March 2026, wheat production for 2025–26 is estimated at 1202 LMT. In view of the comfortable production outlook and higher stock availability, permitting additional exports was considered appropriate.

Prior to this DFPD, had approved the export of 5 LMT of wheat products in January 2026. This was followed by further approval of additional 5 LMT wheat products and 25 LMT wheat in the month of February 2026. With the latest round of approvals, a total of 50 LMT of Wheat and 10 LMT of Wheat products have now been permitted to exports.

The latest decision to allow export of an additional 25 LMT of wheat is expected to enhance market liquidity, facilitate efficient stock management, and prevent distress sales during the peak arrival season. It will also help stabilise domestic prices and strengthen farmers' incomes, while ensuring that the country's food security remains fully safeguarded.

The Government remains committed to adopting calibrated and timely measures to balance the interests of farmers and consumers, while promoting sustainable growth in the agriculture sector.

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