

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to restore the normal supply of rice to Tamil Nadu.

SHRI H. VASANTHAKUMAR (KANYAKUMARI): I wish to bring to the notice of the House a serious issue concerning poor people of State of Tamil Nadu. The rice distributed under the Public Distribution System has been drastically reduced. It is understood that 10 per cent reduction has been made in the supply of rice based on the sale of rice in October. Because of the insensitive action by the Central Government, major portion of rice of the poor people will be affected due to non-availability of rice. It is estimated that every 100 persons out of 1,000 beneficiaries will be deprived of rice. Respected Speaker Sir, in my Kanyakumari constituency, 25 tonnes of rice have not been supplied to ration shops and in the whole State, 21,000 tonnes of rice have not been supplied. Sir, I would like to remind the House on this occasion that during the Congress rule, rice was supplied to State Governments at the rate of Rs.3.50 per kg, whereas the BJP Government now supply rice at the rate of Rs.32.50 per kg. There are two crore family ration cards in Tamil Nadu. Out of this, majority are getting rice. Due to Central Government's insensitive action, poor people will be affected. Therefore, I request, through you, the Central Government to restore the normal supply of rice to Tamil Nadu and safeguard the poor people.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : माननीय सदस्यगण, अगर आप लिख कर भी लाए हैं, तो मेरा आपसे आग्रह है कि आप एक मिनट का वहां पर ध्यान रखेंगे और उतना ही पढ़ कर बोलेंगे ।