

Regarding need for additional allotment of wheat, rice and Tur dal (pulse) for Tamil Nadu-laid

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI (TIRUVANNAMALAI): I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution towards the shortage and increase of prices of many essential food commodities including Rice, Wheat, Tur dal, Urad dal and vegetables. This causes serious food insecurity to the weaker sections of the society who remain dependent on supply of essential food items under PDS in Tamil Nadu. There is urgent need for Union Government assistance to overcome the shortage in supply of essential food items to feed the poorest section of the society in the State. In this regard, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister to arrange for additional allotment of adequate quantity each of wheat, rice and Tur dal each month to Tamil Nadu from the Central Stock to be sold through co-operative outlets which will control the increasing prices of essential food items and ensure food security to targeted group.