

## **Regarding inclusion of Non-Priority Holder (NPH) citizens in Food Security Scheme-laid**

**SUSHRI PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE (SOLAPUR):** I would like to know the steps taken by the Ministry of Food and Public Distribution to include Non-Priority Holder (NPH) citizens with orange ration cards in the Central Government's food security scheme. How will the Department ensure that NPH citizens with incomes slightly above the threshold still receive necessary food grains at concessional rates? A lot of families have been coerced into signing the give up food subsidy form. Since, 2014 a lot of families have been deprived of the free ration scheme under Food Security. I request the Ministry to inform me of the reasons for the same.