

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4110
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ACCESS TO PDS COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the consumers of tribal and scheduled caste regions of country face difficulties in getting commodities under Public Distribution System on time;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the problem;
- (d) whether the Government propose to formulate an effective action plan to ensure timely availability of commodities under Public Distribution System to consumers of tribal, rural and backward regions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRI RAM CHAUHAN)

- (a) No complaints from consumers of tribal and scheduled castes regions facing difficulties in getting commodities under Public Distribution System (PDS) on time have been received.
- (b) & (c) : Do not arise.
- (d) & (e) : Government of India allocates rice, wheat, sugar and kerosene to different States/ UTs under the PDS one month in advance of the month of distribution. The internal distribution of the items within the States/UTs in time is the responsibility of the concerned State Government/UT Administration.