

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4130  
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FOOD GRAINS AT CONCESSIONAL RATES  
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had made available foodgrains at concessional rate to the poor pilgrims on the occasion of 'Kumbh Mela';
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity of foodgrains allocated for distribution in Kumbh Mela; and
- (d) the percentage of allocated foodgrains distributed at concessional rate among the poor?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : A quantity of 13,500 tonnes of wheat and 7800 tonnes of rice was allotted to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for Kumbh Mela at below poverty line (BPL) rates. The Government of Uttar Pradesh distributed 674 tonnes of wheat (including 654 tonnes of atta) and 611 tonnes of rice to the pilgrims in the Kumbh Mela at BPL rates.

(d) The percentage of foodgrains distributed at BPL rates to the pilgrims in Kumbh Mela as compared to the allocated quantities is as under :-

Wheat : 4.99%  
Rice : 7.83%