

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4762
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001
DEMAND AND ALLOCATION OF RICE UNDER PDS
V. VETRISSELVAN

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

- (a) the demand and allocation of rice for Tamil Nadu under the PDS during the current year;
- (b) whether poor quality of rice was supplied to the Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): With the introduction of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from June, 1997, the allocation of foodgrains to States/UTs is made as per TPDS guidelines for families below poverty line (BPL) and families above poverty line (APL); and these are not demand based.

The monthly allocation of rice being given to Tamil Nadu is as under:-

(in tonnes)

BPL APL Total

Rice 1,21,570 38,440 1,60,010

(b): No such report has been received by the Government.

(c)&(d): Does not arise.