

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

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STEPS TO MAKE PDS EFFECTIVE  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government have approved the Approach paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan in regard to Public Distribution System;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Planning Commission has suggested radical changes in the food policy and advocated greater role for the private sector and immediate co-operations in the distorted PDS;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make PDS more effective?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( S† KRISHNAM RAJU )

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Yes Sir. The Approach Paper has suggested changes in food policy which inter-alia include an enhanced role of private sector in the field of storage, foodgrains marketing and transportation of foodgrains.

(e): With a view to maintaining supplies, securing availability and distribution of essential commodities under the PDS, the PDS Control Order, 2001 was issued on 31.8.2001.