

<i>Year</i>	<i>Families Assisted (nos. in lakhs)</i>	<i>Subsidy (Central &amp; State) (Rs. lakhs)</i>
1988-89	2.52	5009.69
1989-90	2.48	5670.04
1990-91	2.14	5314.61

**Withdrawal of Food Subsidy from  
Public distribution system in  
Kerala**

1240. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI:  
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether food subsidy to Essential Commodities like Rice, Wheat and Sugar to be distributed through Public Distribution system is withdrawn recently;

(b) whether some States have demanded that either the food subsidy be reintroduced or adequate financial assistance be given to States to compensate food subsidy; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED):

(a) to (c). No, Sir. However, the Central Government increased the Central issue price of rice and wheat (ex-FCI godowns) to State Governments and UT administrations for PDS by Rs. 88/- and Rs. 46/- per quintal respectively effective from 28th December, 1991 to partially absorb the increase made in the minimum support price of paddy and wheat till 1991-92 kharif and rabi marketing season respectively. Even with these in-

creases, the Central Government would still be incurring a substantial amount on subsidies on account of issues of foodgrains to States/UTs for the Public Distribution System.

The consumer price of levy sugar was raised from Rs. 6.10 a kg. to Rs. 6.90 a kg with effect from 21.1.1992, taking into account the increases in Statutory Minimum Prices for sugarcane and other cost increases.

The Central issue Prices are uniform throughout the country and no financial assistance is provided to any State Government/UT Administration apart from the overall subsidy borne by the Central Government for distribution of foodgrains under the Public Distribution System.

**Funds Allocated and Progress made  
Under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana**

1241. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM:  
SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA:  
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to and utilized by the State Government under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the target fixed and achieved, State-wise during the above years, year-wise;