

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2810
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SHORTAGE OF FOODGRAINS IN SOME DEPOTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether shortage of foodgrain stocks in certain depots of Food Corporation of India (FCI) in various States particularly Orissa is adversely affecting the proper functioning of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in the States;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has directed the FCI authorities in the States to ensure smooth inter-depot movement and rational placement of stock in all depots of the States for proper working of the PDS in the State; and
- (c) if so, action taken thereon, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise. Further, during exigencies the General Managers, Region of FCI are already empowered to make inter-depot/district movement in case of non-availability of foodgrains at a particular depot.