

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:860
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DISTRIBUTION OF RAIN SOAKED FOODGRAIN
Rawat Shri Kamla Prasad

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that rain soaked wheat and rice is being distributed among the people living below poverty line in some States;
- (b) if so, the State-wise number of cases reported to the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

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), (b) & (c): Good quality wheat and rice conforming to the specifications laid down by the Government and the PFA norms are issued to the States and Union Territories for distribution to the families living below poverty line under the Targeted Public Distribution System. No complaint has been received from any State Government regarding poor quality of foodgrains. However, a complaint received from President, Shahide Azam Balidan Divas Sanyojan Samiti, Meerut and Secretary, Desh Bhakt Society, Meerut regarding distribution of damaged wheat to below poverty line families in district Meerut, UP have been forwarded to the State Government for investigation and for further appropriate action.