

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal for distributing more food items like pulses and edible oils through Public Distribution System;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**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): At present the Central Government makes available wheat, rice, sugar & K.Oil under the Public Distribution System to the State Governments for distribution through the fair price shops(FPS). In order to increase the viability of fair price shops, under the System, the State Governments have been advised to allow the FPSs, to deal in the items of daily consumption such as pulses, salt, edible oil, tea etc.