

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:671
ANSWERED ON:12.07.2004
BUNGLING IN PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
Reddy Shri Suravaram Sudhakar

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

- (a) whether studies undertaken by Planning Commission as well as private agencies have indicated that only 20 paise out of every rupee allotted reaches the poor through Public Distribution System(PDS);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir. Planning Commission has not conducted any study which leads to a conclusion that only 20 paise out of every rupee reaches the poor through the Public Distribution System. This Ministry is also not aware of any such study conducted by any Private agency.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.