

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:806  
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SPECULATION IN RICE TRADE  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the delay in release of advanced crop output estimates for the kharif season has led to speculation in rice trade leading to imminent increase in prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to check such unfair practices; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure continuous supply of rice for Public Distribution System and other food based social welfare schemes?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

- (a) No Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Price control measures through allocations of food grains under TPDS to States/UTs and strengthening of the TPDS is given in Annexure I.