

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5235  
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MONOPOLY OF RICE MARKET  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the foreign/multinational companies are trying to monopolise our rice market resulting in a steep decline in the number of rice varieties presently available as compared to the number of varieties available earlier;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken in this regard?

**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) & (c): Question does arise in view (a) above.