

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:317
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INCREASE IN PDS PRICES
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

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

- (a) the number of times the price of foodgrains for Public Distribution System (PDS) has been hiked during the last three years;
- (b) whether any instance of shortage in supply of PDS foodgrains to the State of Gujarat has been reported recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantity of foodgrains allocated and released to the State during the last three years alongwith the norms for per capita distribution to BPL families;
- (d) the steps taken to augment the supplies to the State;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to approve all the BPL families identified by the State; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam. There has been no revision of Central Issue Prices of rice and wheat for Public Distribution System during the last three years.
- (b): No, madam.
- (c) & (d): Does not arise.
- (e) & (f): The allocation of foodgrains to a State/UT for BPL household are being made on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimate of the Planning Commission on population projection of March 2000 and as per this, there are 6.52 crore identified BPL (include AAY) families. This is applicable uniformly to all the States.