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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:353 ANSWERED ON:27.07.2010 SALE OF FOODGRAINS BY FCI Reddy Shri Magunta Srinivasulu

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has directed the Food Corporation of India to sell three million tonnes of foodgrains at discounted rates during June-November 2010; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the benefits likely to accrue to the consumers therefrom?

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) & (b): Apart from the normal TPDS allocation of foodgrains, the Government has made a special adhoc additional allocation of 30.66 lakh tons of foodgrains (13.80 lakh tons of rice and 16.86 lakh tons of wheat) to States and UTs for all accepted number of families (AAY,BPL and APL) under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in May, 2010. These allocations have been made at a price of Rs.11.85/- per kg for rice and Rs.8.45 per kg for wheat. The States/UTs have been allowed to lift the allocated quantities upto 20-11-2010. With this allocation, the consumers will have the benefit of increased availability of foodgrains at subsidized price which will also have impact on the market price of rice and wheat.