

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3241
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ALLOCATION FOR DROUGHT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any proposal for allotment of rice in lieu of wheat under the Drought Relief Operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

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) to (c): A request had been received from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in September 2009 for allotment of 35,785 MTs of rice per month in lieu of 35,785 MTs of wheat allocated to the State along with 17,893 tons of rice per month for drought relief during the period October 2009 to May 2010.

The request was not agreed to in view of constraints on availability of rice in the Central Pool at that time and the likely shortfall in production during KMS 2009-10 on account of drought condition in the country. However, to augment availability of foodgrains in the State to meet its requirement, the following additional allocations of foodgrains, including rice have been made to the State subsequently:

- i. 251474 tons of rice and 64946 tons of wheat allocated in January 2010 at MSP derived/based prices for distribution to all AAY/BPL/APL families for two months.
- ii. 175216 tons of rice and 93741 tons of wheat allocated in May 2010 for all accepted number of BPL/AAY/APL families under TPDS @ Rs.8.45 per kg for wheat and Rs.11.85 per kg for rice.
- iii. 33648 tons of rice and 8634 tons of wheat allocated per month for APL families to ensure 15 kg foodgrains per family per month from August 2010 for six months.
- iv. 155785 tons of rice for BPL families at BPL price allocated in September, 2010 for distribution for six months.