

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4354
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FOODGRAIN FOR DROUGHT RELIEF
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether requests have been received for allocation of foodgrains for drought relief from some States including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to adopt any criteria for distribution of foodgrains to the needy in drought affected areas of the country; and
- (d) 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),(b),(c)& (d): Government of India makes additional allocation of foodgrains, over and above normal allocations under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), in cases of natural calamities like drought, floods, cyclones, etc, on requests received from State Governments.

During the current South-West Monsoon season, (2009) requests seeking allocation of foodgrains for drought relief have, so far, not been received from any of the State Governments.

Items and norms of assistance from Calamity Relief Fund and National Calamity Contingency Fund were revised by Ministry of Home Affairs from June 2007.