

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

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of foodgrains in Arunachal Pradesh under the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the payment due to transport contractors under PDS in Arunachal Pradesh has not been paid since 2005; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): No Madam. Government has not received any such report of shortage of foodgrains in Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) & (d): Total admissible claims of Government of Arunachal Pradesh under Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme for re-imbusement of expenditure on transportation of PDS foodgrains from Base Depots of FCI to Principal Distribution Centres for the period upto April, 2007 have been cleared. For the period beyond April, 2007, two instalments of Rs. 24.07 crore and Rs. 21.7 crore have been released as interim advance against pending subsidy claims of the State Government to be adjusted on submission of proper bills / documents by the State Government.