

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to adopt any scheme to supply Public Distribution System (PDS) grains to the beneficiaries at their homes to curb black marketing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is no proposal at present for supply of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to the beneficiaries at their homes. However, to curb leakages/diversion of foodgrains, in consultation with the State/UT Governments, a Nine-Point Action Plan was evolved in 2006, which inter-alia includes doorstep delivery to be ensured wherever possible by States to the Fair Price Shops (FPSs). During the Conference of State Food Secretaries held in July 2010, it was among others also resolved that States will endeavour to ensure doorstep delivery of foodgrains to FPSs.