

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2012
REDUCTION IN FOOD SUBSIDY
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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 reduce the food subsidy on various items; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to protect the interest of poor people at the same time?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. The Government is not considering to reduce subsidy on subsidised foodgrains being released to the beneficiaries under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and various welfare schemes of Government of India. The Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of subsidised foodgrains have not been increased since July, 2002.
- (b) Does not arise.