

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1122
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2012
SUBSIDISED GRAINS FOR TEMPLES
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidised grains to the temples that offer free food to devotees on a daily basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Government do not have any specific scheme under which foodgrains are allocated at subsidised rates to religious institutions that offer free food to devotees on a daily basis.

However, specific requests received in this connection will be examined on merit in consultation with State Governments.