

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

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

- (a) whether any certificate is issued by the Government regarding the quality and utilisation of the foodgrains distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) if so, the items of foodgrains for which such certificate was issued; and
- (c) the action taken against those found guilty for compromising with the quality of foodgrains distributed under PDS?

**Answer**

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

(a) (b) & (c) Foodgrains (wheat and rice) are issued to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS) and other welfare schemes by Food Corporation of India (FCI) through a well defined procedure of joint sampling of the stock before issue. Only after satisfaction about quality and quantity, the stock is to be issued to State Governments/ UT Administrations alongwith joint sealed samples. A certificate duly signed by the representative of State Government/ UT Administration about quality and quantity of the stock is recorded by FCI in respect of the aforesaid foodgrains.

It is the responsibility of the concerned State Government/ UT Administration to ensure that during transportation and storage at different stages in the distribution chain, the foodgrains retain the required quality specifications.

As per the provisions of PDS (Control) Order, 2001, State Governments/ UT Administrations are required to submit utilization certificates (UCs) for the allocations of foodgrains made to them under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) on mandatory basis.

Whenever any complaint of issue/ distribution of poor quality foodgrains for PDS is received, it is investigated by the FCI/ State Governments and actions are taken by them against the delinquents.