

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has agreed to release foodgrains to pay at least 95 per cent wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in kind;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said move is likely to address the problems relating to surplus foodgrains procurement and additional cost of storage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b)to(d): However, in view of the surplus availability of rice and wheat in the Central Pool, the Department of Food & Public Distribution has made a proposal to Ministry of Rural Development to consider payment of part of the wages under MGNREGA in the form of foodgrains, rice or wheat.