

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

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WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with World Food Programme (WFP) for modernisation of the Public Distribution System (PDS) of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken for its implementation;
- (c) the names of the States selected for implementation of the said modernisation programme; and
- (d) the funds allocated/being allocated for this purpose, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : Department of Food & Public Distribution, Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) on 20.04.2012 at New Delhi for development and implementation of additional Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) pilot projects based on the WFP model in Rayagada district of Odisha. A project covering Bhubaneswar, Odisha is under preparation by WFP and additional pilot projects would be implemented in consultation with the States, Central Government and WFP. The selection of States would include those which may not have yet fully implemented computerization of TPDS. Thereafter, Food Secretaries of States/UTs have been requested to indicate some select districts where the project could be taken up.

(d): As per the MoU, WFP will allocate all available financial resources for any payment obligation for the provision of the Services and the technical assistance under this MoU. Any additional funding requirements and resourcing will be upon mutual agreement of the Government and WFP.