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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:902 ANSWERED ON:14.08.2012 ADDITIONAL RICE ALLOCATION Semmalai Shri S.

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

(a) the details of the total offtake of rice from the Central pool by Tamil Nadu during the past three years alongwith the amount of subsidy involved therein, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation of rice to Tamil Nadu in view of the universal Public Distribution System in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) : The offtake of foodgrains by Tamil Nadu during the past three years are at Annex I to II. Subsidy given to Tamil Nadu for the last three years and current year is given below:

Year Amount of Subsidy (in crores)

2009-10 672.430

2010-11 1501.030

2011-12 1897.720

2012-13 254.440 (as on 8.8.2012)

(b) to (d): On the requests of the State Government and considering the availability of surplus stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool, adhoc additional allocations have been made to the State over and above the normal Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) allocation from time to time. During 2012-13, a quantity of 3,72,918 MTs (3,35,626 MTs of rice and 37,292 MTs of wheat) have been allocated to Tamil Nadu for BPL families so far.