

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2550
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PRIVATISATION OF PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to entrust Public Distribution System (PDS) to private enterprises and deliver the PDS items at the door steps of the beneficiary;
- (b) if so, the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (c) the rehabilitation scheme for the present employees of PDS?

Answer

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

(a): There is no proposal before the Central Government to entrust Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to private enterprises and deliver the PDS items at the door steps of the beneficiary.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.