

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:154  
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2012  
GPS ON TPDS VEHICLES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a scheme for installing Global Positioning System (GPS) on vehicles carrying Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) commodities was launched on a pilot basis in some States for eliminating leakages/diversion of foodgrains during transportation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved therein;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend this project to the entire country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NUMBER 154 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 04.12.2012 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b) : Installation of Global Positioning System (GPS) sets had been taken up for implementation in 11th Five Year Plan on pilot basis in States of Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh for tracking the movement of vehicles transporting Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) commodities to curb leakages / diversion of foodgrains meant for TPDS.

State Government of Tamil Nadu, who have implemented the scheme in two districts, have reported that it has helped in the quantities of foodgrains allotted from Food Corporation of India (FCI) to the intended godowns reaching without diversion; created moral fear among those involved in transportation of PDS items; enabled tracking the movement of vehicles carrying PDS items at short notice and avoided delays in transportation. State Government of Chhattisgarh has intimated that after installation of GPS sets in trucks transporting TPDS commodities, they are reaching their destination properly and no irregularities have since been found.

(c) & (d) : In view of the feedback received from these State Governments, proposals have been invited from States/UTs for providing financial assistance under the scheme during financial year 2012-13.