

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1919  
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2009  
INFERIOR QUALITY OF FOODGRAINS UNDER PDS  
Bheiravdanji Shri Gadhvi Mukeshkumar

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has recently received complaints regarding supply of inferior quality of foodgrains through the Public Distribution System (PDS) from the various States including Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. Four complaints were received by the Government recently regarding supply of inferior quality of foodgrains through the Public Distribution System (PDS). The details are as follows:

- (i) A complaint was received in January, 2009 from Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble M.P. about poor quality of foodgrains being issued by FCI in Gujarat without specifying any location. Instructions were issued to Food Corporation of India to ensure the supply of good quality foodgrains to BPL families in Gujarat State.
- (ii) A copy of complaint made to Government of West Bengal was received in May, 2009 from All Bengal Fair Price Shop Dealers' Welfare Association that poor quality stocks of wheat were issued in PDS. FCI was directed to ensure the supply of good quality wheat under PDS in West Bengal.
- (iii) A complaint was also received in June, 2009 from Shri Jai Kishan, Hon'ble M.L.A. of Delhi about supply of poor quality wheat from FCI depot at Delhi. The matter was investigated. Based on the findings of the investigation, FCI was asked to take immediate remedial measures and take appropriate action against officials responsible.
- (iv) A complaint was received from Hon'ble Minister of Food, Civil Supplies & Animal Husbandry, Government of Kerala in September, 2009 about quality of rice supplied against special allotment.

On investigation, it was found that no inferior quality stocks were issued to PDS