

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

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

- (a) whether the Universal Public Distribution System has been successfully implemented in some States like Kerala and Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend the scheme to other States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. As per reports received, State Governments of Kerala and Chhattisgarh are not implementing Universal Public Distribution System.

(c) & (d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present for universalisation of Public Distribution System as the focus on poor will get diluted.