

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPORT TO STATES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government is extending any support to the State Governments to help them fight against inflation; and
(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and current year State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Besides initiating several measures to contain inflation and improve the availability of essential commodities, the government has been providing wheat and rice under the Targeted Public Distribution System for ensuring availability of these products to vulnerable sections at reasonable prices. State-wise allocation of wheat and rice for the last three years is indicated in Annex I.

Government has also introduced a scheme of providing pulses under the public distribution system at subsidized rates. State wise distribution of pulses imported through the Public Sector Units is indicated in Annex II. A scheme of distribution of subsidized imported edible oil by States and Union Territories has also been under operation since 2008.

Government has also been providing support to the States to increase production of essential commodities to bridge the gap between demand and supply. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna and National Food Security Mission are intending to mobilise investment in agriculture and bridge the yield gaps across the States. Government has also been implementing programme of bringing the Green Revolution to eastern India and to improve productivity levels in these States. Further, since the original Green Revolution States are facing the problem of stagnating yields and over-exploitation of water resources, the government is launching a programme of crop diversification in these States. A National Livestock Mission is also to be launched in 2013-14 to attract investment and to enhance productivity in this sector by taking into account the local agro-climatic conditions.