

**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 Government proposes to expand the Targeted Public Distribution System and modify it into a Universal Public Distribution System to provide food security to every citizen of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some States including Tamil Nadu where Universal PDS is already under implementation would be adequately compensated in terms of higher allocation of foodgrains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c)&(d): No, Madam. There is no proposal before Government to expand Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to make it universal Public Distribution System.

As per present uniform norms of allocations of foodgrains to States & UTs under TPDS, all States & UTs, including Tamil Nadu, are being allocated foodgrains at subsidized prices from central pool. Additional allocations of foodgrains, over and above TPDS norms are also allocated to State/UTs but at applicable economic cost to FCI.