

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:62
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2013
ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated/disbursed foodgrains including rice to the States particularly Assam under various foodgrain based schemes including Mid Day Meal (MDM) during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum allocated, lifted and utilised along with the manner in which the remaining portion is proposed to be utilised, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to provide adequate quantity and ensure proper utilisation of foodgrains under the said schemes?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.62 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2013 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The details of State-wise quantum of foodgrains allocated and lifted is enclosed as Annex I & II. The unlifted quantity of foodgrains remains part of the Central Pool and is utilized for various schemes.

(c) The Government is already providing adequate quantity of foodgrains to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). With enactment of National Food Security Act (NFSA), the coverage under TPDS has further been increased to 75% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population as per 2011 Census. Allocation to OWS will also continue under NFSA as before.

The State Governments are responsible for implementation and monitoring of various food based schemes of the Central Government. Central Government obtains Utilization Certificates from the States/UTs for the foodgrains allotted by the Central Government.