

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

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QUALITY 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 received complaints from various States regarding supply of poor quality of wheat and other foodgrains through the Public Distribution System;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any corrective steps in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) During the current year 2013-14 no complaint has been received from any State Government regarding supply of poor quality of foodgrains including wheat through Public Distribution System (PDS). However, three complaints have been received from consumers and others in this regard during the period from Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Maharashtra. Details of these complaints received and action taken by the Government is at Annex-I.

(c) & (d) In order to ensure that only good quality foodgrains are issued for distribution under PDS, instructions have been issued to Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Governments as detailed in Annex-II. FCI has also conveyed to all concerned that on receipt of a quality complaint, the concerned District Collector or any officer designated by him may call for the sealed samples both from designated State agency and Area Manager of FCI concerned and get the sealed sample tested by notified Quality Control Laboratory of Premier Institutions. Besides, wide publicity about quality assurance programme has been given by FCI to the public through news papers.