

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1851  
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2013  
CASH TRANSFER FOR FOOD SUBSIDY  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any time bound scheme for direct transfer of food subsidy in cash to replace the distribution of foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken a survey to evaluate the preference of consumers with respect to cash transfers and foodgrain distribution and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) whether there is a proposal to introduce food coupons and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present for direct transfer of food subsidy in cash instead of distribution of foodgrains to beneficiaries under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): No, Madam. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.