

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1199
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2015
ASSISTANCE FOR CONSUMER PROGRAMMERS
Antony Shri Anto

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested for financial assistance to upgrade consumer commissions/district fora and for purchase of vehicles for enhancing consumer protection awareness programmes in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government is providing financial assistance to the States to implement/improve consumer awareness programmes; and
- (d) if so, the details of such assistance provided to the States during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) : The Kerala Govt. on 2nd September, 2012 had asked for financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 80 lakhs for purchase of vehicles. Financial assistance is not admissible for purchase of vehicle under the scheme of Strengthening Consumer Fora. On earlier occasions, the Govt. of Kerala has been provided financial assistance to upgrade State Commission/District Fora as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)

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|---------|--------|
| 2005-08 | 432.00 |
| 2008-13 | 53.43 |
| 2013-17 | 112.94 |

(c) & (d) : Yes Madam, the Government provides financial assistance to the State Government under `JagoGrahakJago` campaign for creation of consumer awareness. The State-wise details of such assistance provided during the last three years is as under:

2011-12

(Rupees in lakhs)

| Name of State | Amount Released |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Andhra Pradesh | 34.50 |
| Goa | 3.0 |
| Kerala | 21.00 |
| Tamil Nadu | 46.50 |
| West Bengal | 27.00 |
| Meghalaya | 10.50 |
| Mizoram | 12.00 |
| Nagaland | 16.50 |
| Tripura | 6.00 |
| Sikkim | 6.00 |
| Kerala | 31.00 |
| Gujarat | 36.00 |
| Total | 250.00 |

2012-13

| Name of State | Amount Released |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Goa | 4.00 |
| Gujara | 52.00 |

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|-------------------|--------|
| Punjab | 40.00 |
| West Bengal | 38.00 |
| Nagaland | 22.00 |
| Triura | 10.00 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 32.00 |
| Puducherry | 8.00 |
| Total | 206.00 |

2013-14

| Name of State | Amount Released |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Chhattisgarh | 30.00 |
| Gujarat | 50.00 |
| Haryana | 28.85 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 50.00 |
| Maharashtra | 28.82 |
| Punjab | 30.00 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 91.25 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 20.00 |
| Nagaland | 20.00 |
| Tripura | 20.00 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 20.00 |
| Assam | 29.93 |
| West Bengal | 47.59 |
| Puducherry | 8.75 |
| Total | 475.19 |