

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

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

- (a) the total quantity of foodgrains released to the States under the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the quantity of the foodgrains out of the above distributed under the PDS;
- (c) the details of the remaining quantity of the foodgrains left with each State during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) the manner in which it has been utilised or is proposed to be utilised, Statewise; and
- (e) whether any policy has been formulated for proper implementation of PDS in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): The Statewise details of foodgrains allocated by the Government of India and lifted by the States/UTs (Union Territories) for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) during the last three years and the current year are at Annex- I & II. The unlifted quantity of foodgrains remains part of the Central Pool stocks. The stocks in the Central Pool exceeding buffer norms are either to be released under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) (Domestic) or exported. Allocation out of the Central Pool stocks are also made for festivals, natural calamities and other requirements of the States/ UTs. The details of them are at Annex- III & IV.

(e): For proper implementation of TPDS and to ensure timely availability of foodgrains, check on leakages/ diversion of foodgrains, introducing public accountability, removing of bogus ration cards etc., the Government of India has advised States/ UTs for implementing measures such as door step delivery of food grains under TPDS, correct identification of beneficiaries, ensuring monitoring and vigilance and improving viability of Fair Price Shops operations. With a view to modernize the system, the Central Government has initiated a Plan Scheme on end to end computerization of TPDS operations on cost sharing basis with States/ UTs which would facilitate digitization of ration cards/ beneficiary and other data base, computerization of supply chain management, setting up of transparency portal and grievance redressal mechanisms.