

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4390
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OIL PRODUCTS UNDER PDS
Rao Shri Konakalla Narayana

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include fats and oil products under the Public Distribution System (PDS) for the people belonging to Below Poverty Line category to improve their nutrition level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. The Government has no such proposal

(b): Does not arise

(c): In order to provide relief to consumers especially BPL households, a scheme for distribution of subsidized imported oils through State Governments/UT Administrations was implemented from March, 2008 till September 2013. The scheme was closed due to poor response from the states.