

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has appointed Area Officers for monitoring of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the salient features of the Area Officers Scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the Area Officers Scheme during the last two years;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the extent to which the said scheme has been successful in improving the functioning of the PDS?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): For feedback on TPDS and other schemes, an arrangement of field visits by officers of the Department was introduced in the year 2000. This arrangement has since been suspended w.e.f November, 2012.