

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

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CASH SUBSIDY
Gutha Shri Sukender Reddy

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to transfer cash subsidy to accounts of Below Poverty Line (BPL) card-holders, poor people and destitute in place of the ration provided to them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. The issues of entitlement under the Targeted Public Distribution System are complex. Hence, there is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government to transfer food subsidy in cash in place of foodgrains to accounts of Below Poverty Line (BPL) card-holders, poor people and destitutes.