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Title: Need to allocate additional supply of wheat and kerosene from central pool to Tamil Nadu for new ration card holders.

SHRI P.MOHAN (MADURAI) : Centre is expected to release 12 thousand metric tonnes of wheat and 17 thousand kilo litres of kerosene to Tamil Nadu for being supplied through Public Distribution System. But unfortunately for the past many months only 3500 metric tones of wheat instead of 12 thousand metric tones and 5900 kilo litres of kerosene instead of 17 thousand kilo litres are being released from the central pool. Now that 40 lakhs new ration card holders have been registered recently and they are finding it difficult without these essential commodities.

Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the Minister concerned from Tamil Nadu have taken up with the Union Food Minister both in person and through letters. But still the additional requirement of wheat and kerosene are not being released for supply through PDS. I would like to point out that the people of Tamil Nadu are getting dissatisfied with the centre on this count. There must be an early solution to this. Atleast seven letters have been written taking up this matter but they are yet to be attended to. Hence I urge upon the Union Government to release at the earliest wheat and kerosene to Tamil Nadu for supply through Public Distribution System.

SHRI A. KRISHNASWAMY (SRIPERAMBUDUR): I associate with what Shri P.Mohan mentioned just now.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri A. Krishnaswamy, Shri E. Ponnuswamy, Dr. C. Krishnan and Shri Sippiparai Ravichandran are allowed to associate with what Shri P. Mohan mentioned.

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