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Title: Need to give special quota of foodgrains and sugar to Kerala in view of the forthcoming Christmas festival.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, the Public Distribution System in the State of Kerala has been functioning well. They have been able to intervene in the market and also control the rise of prices to some extent. There is a big demand for foodgrains and other materials especially during the festival season. The festivals of Christmas, Bakri-Eid and Onam are celebrated in the State on a very large scale and which also serves as a symbol of national integration. As you would know that Christmas is nearing and the Government of Kerala has requested for additional food grains and also additional quota of 10,000 MTs of sugar.

So, it is essential that the Government distributes them through the PDS during festival seasons so that common people may enjoy the benefits. I would like to urge the Government to take necessary steps in this regard.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House stands adjourned for lunch to meet again at 2 p.m.

13.00 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till

Fourteen of the Clock.

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