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Title: Need to increase the allotment of kerosene under PDS to Tamil Nadu.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH):Kerosene is one of the essential commodities supplied under the Public Distribution System. Tamil Nadu is implementing Universal PDS. As per the latest statistics about the cardholders, the actual requirement of kerosene in Tamil Nadu is 65, 140 kilo litres per month.

The Government of India was allotting 52,804 KL of Kerosene per month till March 2011 for supply through PDS. But the Government of India has drastically reduced the allocation by 8,226 KL for June 2011; this means, from 52,804 KL of kerosene per month in March 2011 to 44,580 KL of kerosene per month for June 2011.

Otherwise also, there has been a gradual reduction of allotment of kerosene to Tamil Nadu over the last two years and this is putting severe stress on the PDS. It is becoming very difficult for the State Government of Tamil Nadu to meet the genuine needs of the poor cardholders. The poor people in both urban and rural areas of Tamil Nadu depend on the kerosene supplied through PDS. The poor people are put to severe hardship.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu also made a request to the Hon'ble Prime Minister a few months back for enhancing the supply of PDS kerosene. But so far, nothing is heard from the Government of India.

I, therefore, request the Union Government to issue necessary orders to enhance the allotment of kerosene to 65,140 KL per month to Tamil Nadu.