

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5598
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2022**

FORTIFIED RICE IN PDS

5598. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to distribute fortified rice under PDS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that only 60 paise would be the additional cost for fortified rice;
- (d) if so, whether the Ministry is considering to give this amount to States that come forward for fortification of rice;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of micronutrients that the Ministry has proposed to add in fortified rice?

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**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) and (b): Under the Government of India approved Centrally Sponsored Pilot Scheme on "Fortification of Rice & its Distribution under Public Distribution System", eleven (11) States namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jharkhand have reported distribution of fortified rice in their identified districts. Approximately 4.30 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) of fortified rice has been distributed through PDS under the Pilot Scheme as on 31.03.2022.

(c) to (e): During the Pilot Scheme mentioned above, the incremental cost of rice fortification was worked out as 73 paise per kg, which includes cost of Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) and other incidentals. Incremental cost was shared in the ratio of 90:10 in case of North-East, Hilly and Island States/UTs and 75:25 for rest of the States.

(f): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has prescribed three micronutrients - Iron, Folic Acid, Vitamin B12 for production of fortified rice.
