

### **Need to increase the quantity of foodgrains distributed through PDS-Laid**

**SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SURESH DHANORKAR (CHANDRAPUR):** I want to have attention of the Government towards the issues dealing with the Food Distribution Department. Today, many families are getting free food grains through the Central Government Scheme. The priority families are getting 5 kg of grains per person and I am demanding to provide at least 7 kg per person. At the same time, the people belonging to Antodaya family are getting 35 kg of grain and I demand that they should get at least 50 kg of grain per family. Today's public distribution system is determined on the basis of a household consumption survey of 2011-12. There is a need to make changes. So, I demand that changes should be made by the Central Government accordingly. Under the public distribution system, shopkeepers are getting commission of Rs. 1.5 per kg and it has not been revised for the last 12 years. Considering today's inflation rate, it should be increased by Rs. 2.5 per kg. Under the public distribution system, while distributing and transporting foodgrains, it gets spoiled. So, I demand that 2 kg per quintal spoilage deficit should be granted for the public distribution system shopkeepers. Under the public distribution system, while making changes in ration cards records, there are a lot of technical difficulties. It is necessary to improve this. The citizens will not be affected, if the ration card facilitation is allowed through Setu Centres. Since 2011, no census has been done till date. There has been a huge financial gap created in our country. So, I demand that ration cards should be issued on financial criteria. Under the public distribution system, shopkeepers are getting foodgrains from another Tehsil and not from his Tehsil. I urge upon the Government that shopkeepers should get grains at their own Tehsils. POS machine in the shop very often face technical difficulties, due to which citizens get suffered. So, there is a need to take some measures to address this difficulty. Mathadi workers who work for public distribution system of the Maharashtra State are protesting. I request the Government to approve their demands immediately.