

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2937

ANSWERED ON:10.08.2001

REQUEST OF KERALA GOVERNMENT FOR ENHANCEMENT IN PDS ALLOCATION

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received request from Kerala Government to enhance the quota of ration items distributed through Public Distribution System during the coming festival seasons; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): No request has been received from Government of Kerala for enhancement of quota of rice and wheat for distribution through Public Distribution System during the festival season. The Government of Kerala has requested that the system of issue of sugar to all families as was prevalent earlier may be restored. In order to enable the Government of Kerala to meet the additional demand for sugar during the festival season, it has been decided to allocate a quantity of 6616.7 MTs of levy sugar in lieu of the equivalent quantity which remained unlifted against their levy sugar quota of February, 2001