

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1281
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ROTTING OF RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether nearly 35 lakh tons of rice is rotting in Government godowns for want of takers; (
- (b) whether the State Governments have refused to accept the rice from the Union Government which is not fit for human consumption; and
- (c) the responsibility fixed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

- (a) & (b) : No, Sir. However, some of the State Governments have expressed reservation in accepting rice procured under relaxed specification due to unseasonal rains in Punjab during 1997-98 & 1998-99.
- (c) Does not arise.