

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2683
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COMMODITIES THROUGH THE PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of commodities being distributed through PDS at present;
- (b) whether the Government propose to include some more commodities under PDS; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S L MAHARIA)

(a): The Central Government presently makes available to the States wheat, rice, kerosene and sugar for distribution to the consumers through the Fair Price Shops (FPS) under the Public Distribution System. Some States also distribute additional items of mass consumption through the FPSs such as cloth, exercise books, pulses, salt, tea etc.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Question does not arise.