

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:969  
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2000  
TRANSPORT SUBSIDY ON FOODGRAIN  
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

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

- (a) whether the Government have taken a decision to give subsidy on transportation of foodgrains provided under the Public Distribution System to the hilly areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the amount of subsidy given on this account, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government propose to implement the said decision in all the scheduled castes, tribal and backward areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of Hill Transport Subsidy (HTS), given, State-wise, for the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is indicated below:-

(Rs. in Crores)

	1998-99 (Prov.)	1999-2000 (RE)
Manipur	1.84	2.00
Meghalaya	0.14	0.15
Mezoram	10.43	11.32
Nagaland	2.64	2.87
Tripura	1.50	1.63
Sikkim	1.03	1.12
Lakshadweep	0.21	0.23
Arunachal Pradesh	11.33	12.30
Himachal Pradesh	2.11	2.29
Jammu & Kashmir	3.12	3.39
Other States	0.65	0.70
	35.00	38.00

(c),(d) & (e): The Transport Subsidy Scheme of the Government is applicable only to the predominantly hilly States with little or no railways and poor road communications.