

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2627
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2003
ALLOTMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from some State Governments particularly the Government of Bihar for allotment of more sugar, rice and wheat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken so far by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b)&(c): Government receives requests from various State Governments/Union Territories from time to time for allotment of more sugar, rice and wheat for the reasons mentioned in these requests and a decision is taken in each case on merit and in the light of the norms and policies of the Government.

A request for allotment of 25000 tonnes of rice for flood victims, free of cost, was received from the Government of Bihar in August 2003. The same was processed in consultation with the concerned Ministry and a decision taken.