

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

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ALTERNATIVE SCHEME FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any alternative scheme like food stamp or food credit card for distribution of foodgrains amongst the needy persons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the State Governments thereto;
- (c) whether such schemes have already been introduced by some States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved therein?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH )

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, a Pilot Project on Food Credit Cards under the Targeted Public Distribution System is going on in districts Kangra of Himachal Pradesh, Eranakulam of Kerala and Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) & (d): The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that they have already introduced coupon system and are going for issue of bar coded coupons in Krishna district based on the recommendations of the Group of Ministers constituted by them. The bar coded coupons shall have the following details:-

- (i) District code
- (ii) Mandal code
- (iii) Fair Price Shop code
- (iv) Number of Members/Units in the card.