

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

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PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided any assistance to Jammu and Kashmir for strengthening of Public Distribution System during each of the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) & (c): Under the Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme the Government of India reimburses the full transportation cost of foodgrains upto designated Principal Distribution Centres (PDCs) in predominantly hilly States to enable the State Governments to reach foodgrains in interior areas. Under the scheme the Government of Jammu & Kashmir has received Rs. 3.45 crore in 2001-02, Rs.4.62 crore in 2002-03 and Rs. 3.13 crore in 2003-04.