

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

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FAILURE OF TPDS

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified the States where the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) has been fully successful, partially successful or unsuccessful;
- (b) whether the TPDS has not achieved desired success in Uttar Pradesh particularly Sultanpur;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure proper supply of essential commodities to Below Poverty Line families?

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): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): The off-take of foodgrains by the Government of Uttar Pradesh was 50% and 75% under BPL and AAY respectively during 2003-04, which is little less than the average national offtake of 65% and 84%. The State Government has completed the identification and issue of Ration Cards to all the estimated BPL and Antyodaya families. The Central Government is making allocation of foodgrains for all these families.

(d): The Government has taken the following measures to ensure proper supply of essential commodities under the Public Distribution System:

(i) The Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001 has been issued on 31st August, 2001 under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 with a view to curb willful adulteration, substitution, diversion, theft of stocks from the Central godown to Fair Price Shops and at the premises of the Fair Price Shops etc.

(ii) States/UTs have been asked to actively involve the Gram Panchayats in rural areas and local bodies in urban areas in the monitoring of Fair Price Shops as a measure of social audit.

(iii) A model Citizen's Charter has been issued to all the States/UTs for adoption.