

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DELAY IN RELEASE OF FOODGRAINS UNDER SGRY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for delay in releasing foodgrains during calamities like drought and floods under special component of SGRY;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is enquiring into the delay involved in completing the formalities regarding release of foodgrains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether such foodgrains were not distributed to the State Governments during the last year;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (f) whether the stock of such foodgrains available with the States has been assessed; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (c): Under Special Component of SGRY, foodgrains is allocated to the natural calamity affected areas as per recommendation of a High Level Committee(HLC) headed by Minister of Agriculture/ Home Affairs based on the Report of a Central Team deputed to assess the damage by natural calamity. As recommended by HLC, foodgrains is released after due notification of natural calamity areas by the State Government concerned and on receipt of district-wise allocation of foodgrains from concerned State. The Central Government gives top priority in completion of all formalities speedily and release foodgrains as early as possible to take up relief works to provide wage employment.

(d): Foodgrains in the tune of 2595236 MT has been authorized to 13 State Governments during the last year 2004-2005 for natural calamity affected areas.

(e): Question does not arise.

(f) & (g): Implementing Agencies under Special Component of SGRY request for additional requirement of foodgrain only after full utilization of available foodgrains to take up relief works in the calamity affected areas.