

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

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FOODGRAINS IN LIEU OF WHEAT UNDER PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to decrease the allocation of wheat for distribution under the Public Distribution System in view of its scarcity in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to allocate other foodgrains including rice in lieu of wheat to the traditionally non-wheat consuming States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

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): Keeping in view the reduced availability of wheat stocks in the country, the following proposals are under examination:
- (i) allocation of coarsegrains and rice in lieu of wheat; and
 - (ii) rationalization of allocations under TPDS.