

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3580
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WHEAT FOR FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved issuing of special securities to the tune of Rs. 16,000 crore to Food Corporation of India in lieu of the wheat supplied by it to the Ministry of Rural Development under the Food for Work Programme;
- (b) if so, whether there is sufficient stock of wheat for allocation to the States for distribution under the Food for Work Programme; and
- (c) if so, the total quantum of wheat supplied so far during the current year under the said programme?

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): The Government has decided to issue Special Securities to the extent of Rs.16,200 crore towards the partial settlement of the outstanding dues of the Food Corporation of India till 30.4.2005 in respect of foodgrains supplied to the Ministry of Rural Development for distribution under Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Special Component of SGRY and National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP).

(b)&(c): Till date no allocations of foodgrains have been finalized for the current year 2006-07 under SGRY and NFFWP. Under Special Component of SGRY for the current year, a quantity of 2.0 lakh tonnes of foodgrains has been authorized to be allocated.