

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

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

- (a) whether any scheme to provide training and research facilities for strengthening and upgrading the skills of personnel engaged in the implementation of Public Distribution System had been launched;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government provides any financial and physical assistance to the States under the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance so provided to each State during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the number of persons benefited therefrom during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments under the Central Plan Schemes for `Training Research and Monitoring` as under:

- (i) not more than Rs. 50,000/- for conducting each training programme consisting of not less than 20 participants for 5 days duration,
- (ii) for conducting seminars, workshops and national level lectures etc; and
- (iii) one time assistance of not more than Rs. 1.5 lakh to all the States for purchase of a Computer with accessories to establish an effective link between the District Food and Civil Supply Office and the Directorate of Civil Supplies of States with the NIC network.

The training is imparted to the functionaries of various levels in the State Food & Civil Supplies Departments and State Agencies like State Civil Supplies Corporation, Consumer Cooperatives, etc. to improve the management of supplies of essential commodities under the Public Distribution System. Recently members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), NGOs and Vigilance Committees have also been included for training purposes.

(d) & (e): The assistance provided to State Governments/UT Administrations during the last three years is annexed.