

Title: Request the Central Government to sell rice and wheat at a uniform rate throughout the country.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, I thank you for permitting me to raise a very important issue concerning the pricing policy of the Central Government. Recently, Food Corporation of India have made a declaration that they would sell wheat at the price of RS. 650 per quintal whereas they are selling it at Rs. 826 per quintal in Kerala. It is a policy of double standards. It is the declared policy that there will be a uniform price level. But the same Food Corporation of India is collecting Rs. 838 per quintal of wheat from Kerala whereas it is selling at Rs. 650 in other States. This is highly discriminatory. ...(*Interruptions*) I would request the Government of India to have a uniform pricing policy in the matter of selling wheat. In the case of rice also they have been selling rice at a different price in different States. But, at the same time, in the open market they are selling it at a lower price. ...(*Interruptions*) This is highly discriminatory.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Radhakrishnan, please understand that there are other Members also to speak.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Sir, the policy of distribution of foodgrains through the public distribution system has been defeated by this policy of the Central Government. I request the Central Government to sell the rice and other foodgrains at a uniform rate throughout the country.