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Title : Need for coordinated efforts of all the Central Ministries with the State Governments in implementation of 'Food for Work' Programme with a view to alleviate poverty in the country.

SHRID. VENUGOPAL (TIRUPPATTUR): Food for work Programmes was introduced in backward districts in the country identified as per BPL figures. This is being carried out as a special programme identifying specific number of districts. Hence there is a need to ensure that the food grains are distributed properly as this programme aims at eradicating poverty by way of providing job and food. But unfortunately in Thiruvananthapuram district of my Thirupattur constituency non-availability of rice for distribution has hampered the implementation of this programme. This sad state of affairs prevails there for more than four to five months. As this is a national level scheme to overcome starvation death, Central Government must ensure distribution of good grains through Food Corporation of India when State Governments are unable to provide food grain themselves. Hence, I call for a coordinated action in this regard by all the Union Ministries like Rural Development, Panchayat Raj, Food and Agriculture to alleviate poverty and the rural poor.