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Title: Regarding functioning of the Public Distribution System in the country.

SHRI. M. SHIVANNA (CHAMARAJANAGAR) :- I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the problems of Fair Price Shop operators in the country.

Sir, in our country Public Distribution System does not have uniform set of rules. Each state is having their own way of operating the Public Distribution System. There is no uniformity even in allotments of food grains to various states.

The Public Distribution System was formulated for the very purpose of ensuring food security for all the citizens of the country. But, Fair Price Shop dealers are facing lot of difficulties. They are receiving a very meagre amount as commission. Nearly 5 lakhs of people are dependent on this job all over the country. Condition of these dealers are pathetic. About 25,000 Fair Price Shop dealers are taking part in a rally at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi. Therefore I urge upon the Government to fulfill the genuine demands of those dealers and protect the interests of 5 lakhs dealers and employees and their families.

Thank you Sir.

*English Translation of the speech originally delivered in Kannada.

MR. SPEAKER: You need not raise your arms. It is all recorded here. If possible, I will allow you.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Abu Ayes Mondal – not present.