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Title: Need to enhance the allocation of food grains under Public Distribution System to Kerala.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity. I would like to invite the attention of the House, through you, to the acute problem faced by the State of Kerala with regard to the Public Distribution System due to the reduced allocation of food grains by the Central Government. The quantity of food grains required by Kerala in a year is 16,66,644 MT, whereas Kerala produces only 15 per cent of its total consumption. The Central Government has allotted 12,26,604 MT only during the year 2015-16. This is a very small amount. You are aware that Kerala has a very good Public Distribution System, but due to the reduced allocation by the Central Government it is very difficult to maintain the Public Distribution System. I would like to request the Central Government to enhance the allocation of food grains to Kerala.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri K.S. Sundaram -- Not present.