# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

#### **RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 558 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

### SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS AND KEROSENE TO TAMIL NADU

#### 558. DR. V. MAITREYAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any special allocation of foodgrains and kerosene to Tamil Nadu to meet its high demands, especially after every cyclone hits in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the foodgrains and kerosene allocated and disbursed to Tamil Nadu in the last four years, year-wise;
- (d) whether Government has increased the supply of foodgrains and kerosene as requested by the Government of Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

#### ANSWER

## MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): Government of Tamil Nadu implemented National Food Security Act, 2013 with effect from 1-Nov-2016. Consequent upon implementation of NFSA, an annual allocation of 36,77,752 MT of foodgrain which comprises of 161821.12 MT of wheat and 3515930.88 MT of rice is made to the State Government. The allocation and offtake of foodgrain in respect of Tamil Nadu during the last four years is as follows:

Year	Allocation (Quantity MT)		Offtake (Quantity MT)	
	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat
2015-16 <sup>\$</sup>	3557436	165396	3578450	167584
2016-17 <sup>\$</sup>	3558509	145539	3629833	146396
2017-18	3515931	161821	3905277	161820
2018-19	2343954	107881	2393505	116507*

<sup>\*</sup> Upto Nov-2018

Allocation of foodgrain for natural calamity is made at MSP/MSP derived rates in case of wheat/rice respectively, subject to receipt of proposal from States/UTs and subject to extant norms. However, no such proposal for additional allocation of foodgrain to Tamil Nadu, is pending in this Department. An additional allocation of 30000 MT of rice was made to Tamil Nadu in Jan-2016 due to floods in the State.

In view of recent "Gaja" Cyclone, Govt. of Tamil Nadu requested Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to allocate 1680 KL PDS Kerosene. Accordingly, an advance allocation of 1680 KL PDS Kerosene was made to Tamil Nadu from 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018-19 (January- March 2019).

Further, the details of allocation and offtake of PDS kerosene to Tamil Nadu during the last four years and till  $2^{nd}$  quarter of 2018-19 is as follows:

Year	Allocation (in KL)	Sales (in KL)
2015-16	3,41,724	3,41,723
2016-17	3,07,560	3,07,583
2017-18	2,04,528	2,04,915
2018-19 (Apr-Sep) (H1)	96,888	96,888

<sup>\$</sup> Includes Addl. APL allocation