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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2022

COVERAGE UNDER PDS

1185 SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION **उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री** be pleased to state:

(a) the contributions of the UN World Food Programme in developing the Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) whether Government is considering issuing compensation to families of the deceased of starvation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R
THE MINISTER OF STATE CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a): As part of the Country Strategic Programme (CSP) 2019-2023, United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) provides technical support to this Department for continuous improvement in efficiency of service delivery in PDS through technical assistance in the areas such as data analytics, best practice documentation, capacity building of State/District PDS functionaries, beneficiary awareness, supply chain optimisation, rice fortification and pilot of innovative solutions such as Annapurti and Learning Management System etc..

(b) & (c): Few reports which appeared in Media alleging starvation deaths were not substantiated upon inquiry.

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