

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2778  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**DISTRIBUTION OF FORTIFIED RICE THROUGH PDS**

2778 SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:

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

- (a) the timeline by when the distribution of fortified rice through Public Distribution System (PDS) be completed;
- (b) the names of States in which fortified rice is being distributed through PDS at present; and
- (c) the States where fortified rice distribution through PDS is intended to be implemented?

**A N S W E R**  
**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

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(a) to (c): The Government has approved the supply of fortified rice throughout the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and in Other Welfare Schemes of Government of India in all States and Union Territories (UTs) by the year 2024 in a phased manner. The complete implementation of the initiative throughout the country in a phased manner is envisaged below:

Phase-I: Covering ICDS and PM-POSHAN in all over India by March, 2022

Phase-II: Phase I above plus TPDS and OWS in all Aspirational and High Burden Districts on stunting (total 291 districts) by March 2023

Phase-III: Phase II above plus covering the remaining districts of the country by March, 2024.

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At present 27 States/UTs are distributing fortified rice through TPDS namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal. As on 05.03.2023, approximately 95.72 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) of fortified rice has been distributed through TPDS under phase-II.

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