

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3428
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2023

RELEASE OF FUNDS AGAINST THE SUBSIDY FOR CMR

3428 SHRI P. WILSON:

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

- (a) the reasons the Ministry has not released funds of Rs 4446.14 against the subsidy for Custom Milled Rice (CMR) to the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the steps taken by Government in order to enhance Price Monitoring Mechanism and stabilise prices of vegetables that have seen unstable price rise across the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): The provisional quarterly claims of State Governments are processed keeping in view the opening and closing balance of stocks, procurement, allocation and distribution of food grains, Food Corporation of India's reconciliation, Utilization Certificates received, Economic Cost of food grains, prevalent guidelines etc., among others. This is an ongoing and continuous process and Department of Food & Public Distribution, Government of India has been continuously releasing quarterly admissible amount of food subsidy to the all DCP States including Government of Tamil Nadu. An amount of Rs.7063.69 crore has already been released, during 2022-23. as on 27.03.2023, to State Government of Tamil Nadu for distribution of food grains for Central schemes covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS).

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(b) to (c): The daily consumer retail and wholesale prices of 22 food commodities are reported by the Prices Reporting Centres (PRCs) located in Food and Civil Supplies Departments of the States/UTs. The objective of PRCs is to report the daily prices to Price Monitoring Division of Consumer Affairs for compilation, analyses and dissemination of the data. The daily report of prices and indicative price trends are duly analyzed for taking appropriate decisions on release of stocks from the buffer, export and import policy etc.
