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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2743 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2025

DIGITAL SYSTEM FOR DATA ABOUT QUALITY OF FOOD GRAINS

2743 SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to provide digital system to provide data about the quality of food grains stock with FCI and other agencies to bring operational efficiency in the storage/movement of distribution of food grains in public distribution system;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which this system will help the farmers;

(c) whether Government has any plan to provide internet hub in some remote locations of North Eastern States to help the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): The Quality Management System (QMS) has been developed by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to monitor laboratory activities on real time basis. This system aims to enhance operational planning, improve quality control of foodgrains, and ensure greater reliability and accuracy throughout the procurement, preservation, and end-to-end supply chain processes of foodgrains.

(b): Currently, the QMS system is being implemented in the warehouses of FCI. Furthermore, farmers bring their produce at the mandi for sale. As such, this system does not directly correlate with the farmers.

(c) and (d): No such proposal is under consideration with the Department.
