

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 996
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2025

SUPPLY OF SINGLE BOILED RICE TO PUDUCHERRY

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

- (a): whether, as per the policy of Government, only double boiled rice is distributed to all States and UTs through FCI and whether Government will take action to supply single boiled rice through FCI to Puducherry;
- (b): if so, whether sufficient quantity of paddy for single boiled rice is available within the region for procurement by FCI;
- (c): whether Government will convey difference of nutritional benefits between single and double boiled rice; and
- (d): whether Government will extend special incentives to the farmers in order to augment charges for cleaning paddy which is now borne by farmers for processing of paddy in Puducherry region?

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(a) to (c): The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Government of India (GoI) and the State/UT Government. The GoI is responsible for procurement, allocation and transportation of foodgrains upto the designated depots of the FCI. The operational responsibilities for allocation and distribution of foodgrains within the States/UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries/families, issuance of ration cards to them & supervision and monitoring of functioning of Fair Price Shop (FPSs), etc. rest with the concerned State/UT Government.

In the Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry, NFSA is being implemented in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode under which cash equivalent of subsidy is transferred directly into the bank accounts of eligible households to enable them to purchase foodgrains from open market.

So far as distribution of rice under TPDS is concerned, the rice is categorized only into raw rice and parboiled rice, based on the requirement of the State/UT.

(d): The Government agencies procure paddy with prescribed Fair Average Quality (FAQ) specification at Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Central Pool.
