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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4305 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH, 2017

FOODGRAINS FOR DISASTER AFFECTED STATES

4305. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA: SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Union Government is providing additional foodgrains to the States affected by the natural disasters and if so, the criteria fixed by the Government for providing additional foodgrains to the States affected by the natural disasters;

(b) the number of States to which the foodgrains has been provided during the last three years and the quantum of foodgrains provided to these States during the said period, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the foodgrains has been provided free of cost through the central assistance and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): As per the existing policy, in case of natural calamities, the allocation of foodgrains for 3 months of demand can be made to the States/UTs on the basis of the request received so that the relief measures are not affected. However, for the demands beyond 3 months the proposal must be recommended by Ministry of Agriculture (in case of drought) and Ministry of Home Affairs (in case of natural calamities other than drought & in cases of law and order situations). The allocation of foodgrains is made at MSP and MSP derived rates for wheat and rice respectively. Responsibility for distribution of foodgrains lies with the State Governments/Union Territories concerned.

Based on the request received from the States/UTs, Government of India has allocated additional foodgrains for natural calamities. The details are placed at annexure.

<u>Annex</u>

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 4305 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28^{TH} MARCH, 2017 IN LOK SABHA.

Additional allocation of foodgrains (in tons) made by GOI for natural calamity during last three years:

2014-15

States		Rice	Wheat	Total	Purpose
Assam		35000	0	35000	Flood
Bihar		25000	25000	50000	Flood
Jammu	8	107026	20320	127346	Flood
Kashmir					

2015-16

States	Rice	Wheat	Total	Purpose
Assam	35000	0	35000	Flood
Bihar	150000	150000	300000	Flood
Maharashtra	163000	244000	407000	Drought
Manipur	120000	0	120000	Flood
Tamil Nadu	30000	0	30000	Flood

2016-17

States	Rice	Wheat	Total	Purpose
Andhra Pradesh	102312	0	102312	Drought
Bihar	20000	0	20000	Flood
Chhattisgarh	82000	0	82000	Drought
Gujarat	8000	48000	56000	Drought
Jharkhand	192947	0	192947	Drought
Karnataka	2577	2556	5133	Drought
Madhya	24000	72000	96000	Drought
Pradesh				
Telangana	250292	0	250292	Drought
Rajasthan	0	1138200	1138200	Drought
Uttar Pradesh	288166	471014	759180	Drought
