

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

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 123  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017

PRICES OF FOODGRAINS

\*123. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided not to hike prices of foodgrains sold under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 *via* ration shops for one more year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government supplies highly subsidized foodgrains at Rs.1-3/Kg to over 81 crore people in the country costing the exchequer about Rs. 1.4 lakh crore annually; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

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(a)to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 123\* DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.07.2017  
IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. The highly subsidized prices of foodgrains under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) i.e. Rs.1/2/3 per kg. for coarsegrains/ wheat/ rice have been continued upto June, 2018.

Currently, about 80.55 crore persons are covered under NFSA for receiving highly subsidized foodgrains. The budget allocation for food subsidy in 2017-18 is Rs 1,45,138.60 crore.

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