

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 217
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02nd JANUARY, 2018
DISPLAY OF FOODGRAIN SUBSIDY

217. DR. K. GOPAL:

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 bears a subsidy of Rs. 22 per kg. on wheat and Rs. 29.64 per kg. on rice and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the States have been asked to display the details of foodgrain subsidy borne by both the Centre and the States at PDS shops;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether this will prevent the States from hijacking the credit for selling highly subsidized foodgrains to the poor and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *217 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 02.01.2018 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) to (d): Union Government bears a subsidy of approximately Rs. 22/- per kg on Wheat and approximately Rs. 29/- per kg on Rice being distributed under Targeted Public Distribution System. For awareness of public and beneficiaries under National Food Security Act(NFSA), 2013, a letter has been issued to all State/UT Governments to interalia display the details of above subsidy at Fair Price Shops. The purpose is to create public awareness about the financial implications of the distribution of foodgrains at subsidised rates through Public Distribution System under NFSA.

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