

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 61
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11 DECEMBER, 2018

FOODGRAIN PRICES UNDER NFSA

61. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI 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 Government has decided not to hike prices of foodgrains sold under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 through 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 STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(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, 2019.

Currently, about 80.72 crore persons are covered under NFSA for receiving highly subsidized foodgrains. The budget allocation for food subsidy in 2018-19 is Rs. 169123 crore.
