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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1561 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th FEBRUARY, 2019

FOODGRAINS SHIPPED/RELEASED TO KERALA

1561. DR. P.K. BIJU: PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to ship foodgrains to Kerala through Ports like Cochin, Quilon, etc., for the purpose of distribution through ration shops; and
- (b) 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) & (b): Movement of foodgrains through coastal route for six FCI depots of Kerala through Cochin Port is already being done. Recently, an initiative has been taken for containerised multimodal coastal movement through CONCOR from identified centres of Punjab to Kerala via Cochin, Quilon etc. for a period of three months on Pilot basis.
