

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3241
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH AUGUST, 2023**

REINTRODUCING OMSS TO GREEN CARD HOLDERS

3241. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

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 any plans to reintroduce Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to enable the States to provide to green card holders particularly in Jharkhand; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) to (b): Government of India has discontinued the sale of rice and wheat under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) [OMSS (D)] to all State Governments with effect from 13th June, 2023, barring northeast, hilly states and those facing law and order situations and natural calamities. Keeping in view the benefit of ~140 crore citizens of the country, Government of India has taken this decision to maintain adequate stock in Central Pool for distribution under National Food Security Act (NFSA) and other welfare schemes (OWS) amid concerns over monsoon due to expected deficiency in rainfall caused by El-Nino which may adversely affect Kharif crop production in country, and create inflationary trends, besides the ongoing geopolitical situation. Also, it was decided to offer wheat and rice under OMSS (D) to private parties for controlling the price rise in the market and thereby control the food inflation. However, Government is providing foodgrains to NFSA beneficiaries as per their entitlement free of cost as committed under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PM-GKAY) w.e.f. 1st January, 2023.
