

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1670
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2023**

USE OF RICE FOR MID-DAY MEAL PROGRAMMES

1670. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

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 received a request from Kerala to use the rice produced within the state for mid-day meal programme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is going to consider it and allow the same;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

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**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) to (e): Govt. of Kerala, Food and Civil Supplies (C) Department made a request in November, 2023 to issue necessary directions for converting the excess stock of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) to Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) [erstwhile Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS)].

Since Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education is the administrative Department for PM POSHAN (erstwhile Mid Day Meal Scheme), Government of Kerala was advised to take up with Department of School Education and Literacy Government of India. Now Government of Kerala has informed that Food & Civil Supplies Department, Kerala has taken further necessary action in the matter with the Education Department, Government of Kerala.
