

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.553
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2023**

DISTRIBUTION OF TIDE OVER RICE

553. SHRI TOKHEHO YEPTHOMI:

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

- (a) the guidelines for distribution of Tide over Rice in the State of Nagaland;**
- (b) whether the State of Nagaland is distributing Tide over Rice as per Ministry guidelines; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) to (c): The National Food Security Act, 2013 provides that if annual allocation of foodgrains to any State under the Act is less than the average annual offtake of foodgrains for last three years under normal Targeted Public Distribution System, the same shall be protected at prices as may be determined by the Central Government and the State shall be allocated foodgrains as specified in Schedule IV. As per the guidelines, the allocation of “tide over” foodgrains to States/Union Territories including Nagaland is subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Distribution of “tide over” allocation should be done through TPDS. Further details regarding distribution are left to the States/UTs.**
- (ii) States/UTs will have the flexibility to pass on the expenditure on items such as intra-State movement & handling of foodgrains and margins to fair price shop dealers, incurred in the process of distribution of “tide over” allocation to the beneficiaries or bear it themselves. No assistance will be provided by the Central Government on these items of expenditure in respect of “tide over” allocation.**

Directions under Section 38 of the Act have also been issued to all the States/UTs including Nagaland to strictly follow the terms and conditions for distribution of “tide over” foodgrains, in transparent manner.
